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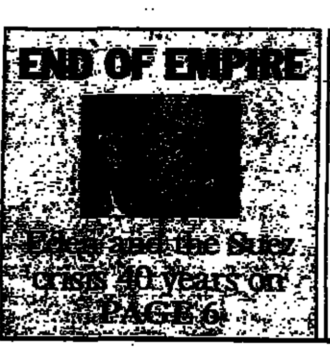

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Clare Short: TV walkout was the final straw

By Jill Sherman
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR last night removed Clare Short from her post as Shadow Transport Secretary in a ruthless reshuffle of his top team.

Ignoring the fact that she came third in the Shadow Cabinet elections, he demoted her to a low-key role in charge of overseas development and replaced her with Andrew Smith — who did not even stand in the poll. Ms Short reluctantly accepted the job after a series of meetings and telephone calls with the Labour leader failed to secure her a better offer.

Mr Blair took full advantage of his success on Wednesday night — when his favoured team was re-elected by the party's MPs — by carrying out a bigger reshuffle than expected and ignoring the convention that only those elected should receive Shadow Cabinet posts.

Mr Smith's promotion from Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury was one of several changes that will give Gordon Brown a much stronger power base, since Mr Smith is one of the Shadow Chancellor's favoured lieutenants. He is replaced by Alistair Darling, who moves up from his job as City spokesman to the post he always wanted.

And Harriet Harman, another key ally of Mr Brown, moves sideways to social security, where she will play a big role in the Shadow Chancellor's welfare-to-work campaign.

She swaps jobs with Chris Smith, who has completed most of the pre-election policy work on social security, but has had several spending battles with Mr Brown. Ms Harman, who replaces Mr Smith on the crucial review group which is considering scrapping child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds, made clear last night that she would back Mr Brown's calls for tough spending decisions.

In a surprise move, Mr Blair has decided to bring in Frank Field, the chairman of the Social Security Select Committee, to advise his top team. Mr Field, known for his independent ideas which have sometimes been further to the right than some Tory rightwingers, will join Mr Blair, Ms Harman, David Blunkett and Ms Short on a new committee, chaired by Mr Brown, to co-ordinate the welfare-to-work policies.

It is believed that Ms Short was offered membership as a sop after initially refusing the job at overseas devolopment. Ms Short, who only nine months ago was a rising star and well in with the Labour leadership, has been a loose cannon in recent months and Mr Blair decided some time ago he wanted to move her.

Her embarrassing walkout during a television interview on Wednesday night was the last straw and gave him the excuse to demote her to a job which is unlikely to be a Cabinet post in a Labour government. Ms Short resisted the change at a meeting with Mr Blair on Wednesday night, and yesterday she had two further telephone conversations with the leader, during which she was said to have been offered the ODA post again or environmental protection, which has been recreated as a Shadow Cabinet post.

A leadership spokesman said that Ms Short accepted the first job offered her and that the proposal had been made partly because rail privatisation had been completed. "He (Mr Blair) has got huge respect for Clare and likes her and is delighted she

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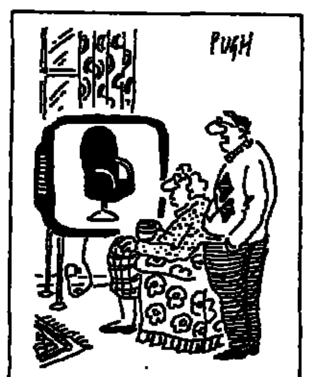

"Is this Mastermind or has Clare Short walked out again?"

Victory for Portillo over £4bn RAF order

By Michael Evans and Arthur Leathley

A £4 billion defence order that will safeguard thousands of jobs was announced yesterday after Michael Heseltine was called in to resolve a Cabinet battle between the Chancellor and the Defence Secretary.

Michael Portillo said that the decision to award three RAF contracts for a new Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft and two missile systems to British companies would help to sustain about 5,000 jobs, although the firms involved said that far more would be created.

The announcement represented a victory for Mr Portillo over Kenneth Clarke, who had wanted the orders delayed until the autumn to save money. But Conservative backbenchers were becoming increasingly angry about the uncertainty caused by the clash between the ministers, and on Tuesday — after facing an embarrassing question in the Commons — John Major asked Mr Heseltine to arbitrate.

The three met for 45 minutes on Wednesday evening and finally agreed the terms of the orders in time for yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

British Aerospace was awarded the £2 billion contract to supply the RAF with 21 Nimrod 2000 aircraft, and it will collaborate with the French company Matra on a second order — for more than 1,000 conventionally armed stand-off missiles.

Rolls-Royce will provide the Nimrod engines, Racal the radar, and GEC, Smiths Industries, and Shorts of Belfast will be among 200 contributing companies.

The third contract, for a new air-launched anti-tank weapon, goes to GEC and Marconi.

Mr Portillo's decision to favour the British bids for all three contracts over American rivals was welcomed last night by the defence industry and MPs. BAe said that 10,000 jobs would be created throughout Britain — either directly or indirectly — as a result of its £2 billion share of the order. "These contracts will create and sustain many thousands of quality, high-technology jobs throughout the UK aerospace industry," Dick Evans, the chief executive, said.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said: "The competitions were closely contested, and the results confirm that the defence industry in teh UK can compete successfully on a global basis."

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, also welcomed the announcement, but he condemned the "weeks of Cabinet in-fighting and indecision" and accused Mr Portillo and Mr Clarke of playing politics with people's jobs.

The conflict between the two ministers was described by Whitehall sources yesterday as a classic stand-off between a spending department and the Treasury. "But because of the personalities involved, it could have become a real cause celèbre for the Right and Left of the Conservative Party."

Mr Heseltine — whose own Cabinet career was interrupted in the Eighties over a defence contract dispute — was called in to arbitrate after Mr Major was put on the defensive by a senior Tory MP in the Commons on Tuesday. He is understood to have sided with Mr Portillo over the important job implications of awarding the contracts as soon as possible.

But Treasury sources indicated last night that the Defence Secretary is likely to have to find further economies in his budget in the next spending round.

Officials said that the Chancellor had given away nothing that would lead to extra spending commitments, since the money for the RAF orders had already been accounted for in the Defence Ministry's long-term costings. The public spending ceiling would remain at £268.2 billion, an official said: "It's up to the Ministry of Defence how they allocate their resources."

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Britain's Mary King jumps to first place yesterday during the individual equestrian event, which lasts for three days

Atlanta turns on 'foreign whingers'

Quentin Letts in Atlanta finds that negative foreign media coverage of the centennial Olympic Games has prompted a fierce local backlash

THE people of Atlanta are angry and bewildered about the way their city has been lambasted for organisational shortfalls during week one of the centennial Olympics.

Some have resorted to threats and Bill Campbell, the mayor, detecting a "bias against Southerners" was perhaps only half jesting when he remarked that the international media should be taken to the Olympic rifle range, put against a wall, and shot.

A local radio station has run regular denouncements of the "foreign lickspittle whingers" (to use one of the politer terms), and *The Times*, among other newspapers, was attacked for having the temerity to relay to its readers the transport and computer chaos of the opening days of what Atlanta promised would be "the greatest games of all time". I now have an insight into how one of my predecessors, William Howard Russell, the 19th Century war reporter, felt when he passed this way in the 1860s covering the American civil war for *The Times*.

His despatches, particularly the description of the hellish first battle of Bull Run, earned him numerous foes. He had to take refuge, finally fleeing the American continent.

Historians have since argued that the Confederacy, although it had been dismayed by Russell's reports, later suffered from the absence of his objectivity.

Reporting the Olympics takes less courage and skill, but there have been moments when I have concealed my press identity badge lest it should lead to trouble with peppery natives.

During an interview on Atlanta's Radio WGST, I was sworn at, shouted at, and generally abused by the disc jockey Sean Hannity, who later gave listeners the telephone number for the British Press corps and the Atlanta media centre. Numerous hate calls followed, promising awful things. Happily, there were also some calls of support from Georgians who apologised for Hannity's boorishness.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution carried aggressive messages. One ran simply: "To Quentin Letts of the London *Times* — kiss my grits!" (Grits being a maize breakfast porridge served in the deep South and little liked by outsiders).

An Atlanta discussion group has rallied to the city's support, attacking visitors who are unhappy with the Olympics' transport system and underground railway, which duly obliged yesterday with a rush-hour derailment.

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Burundi massacre fears after coup

From Sam Kiley
in Bujumbura

THERE were fears last night that the central African republic of Burundi was about to be engulfed by new Hutu-Tutsi atrocities following a coup by the army.

The military closed the country's borders and airports and outlawed political parties as the United Nations reported two provincial towns surrounded by Tutsi rebels.

Para-commandos from the former colonial power Belgium are on alert to evacuate the more than 300 Belgian nationals if the situation deteriorates further. "Extremists are exploiting a cycle of ethnic fear for their own political ends. The world has to act now to break that cycle," David Bryer, director of Oxfam, said in London.

Burundi's tragic history is stained with tribal massacres. The worst was in 1972 when Tutsis worried about their grip on power killed an estimated 100,000 Hutus.

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Home loan rates lowest since 1965

Home loans fell to their lowest level since January 1965 after the Nationwide Building Society shaved 0.25 per cent off its standard mortgage to 6.49 per cent.

The new rate, which takes effect from September 1, represents a monthly saving of nearly £7 on a £50,000 repayment mortgage. Other lenders held off matching Nationwide.............. Page 23

Israeli peace call

The Israeli Prime Minister threw down a peace challenge to Syria by offering to pull his occupying troops out of southern Lebanon in exchange for peace along the northern Israeli border.... Pages 11, 16, 19

Black boxes find

The investigation into the crash of TWA Flight 800 was close to a breakthrough as experts in Washington examined the aircraft's "black boxes", which divers recovered off Long Island .... Page 15

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Imran Khan withdrew his defence that his allegations of ball-tampering against Ian Botham were justified, and offered the former England cricket captain a public apology.................. Pages 5, 22

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Tories call up Thatcher to revive grassroots

Thatcher: praised Redwood and delivered snub to Portillo

By Jill Sherman and Andrew Pierce

BARONESS THATCHER has been asked to play a substantial role in the Conservative election campaign. Although she has lost much of her influence with MPs, party strategists argue that she is still a considerable asset in rallying support among grassroots Tories.

Senior party sources say that Lady Thatcher, 70, will campaign in marginal seats, particularly where she knows the MPs, and will again address the candidates' conference at the beginning of the campaign.

She is more likely to provide photo-opportunities than big speeches. The ex-premier played a relatively discreet part in the 1992 election campaign, when she had only recently been jilted from office. Her main setpiece was addressing the candidates, with a show of unity with her successor, John Major. Although she spent much of the election abroad, she visited her friends' constituencies before she went. The tour was organised by Conservative Central Office, but she chose where she visited.

She is still close to some rightwing MPs, including John Redwood and John Whittingdale, her former parliamentary private secretary, but several former admirers say she has lost her influence on the party.

Four potential future Tory leaders are heading the Conservative Party's summer publicity over the next two months. Party sources stressed that the campaign would not focus solely on attacking Labour, but would involve several policy announcements next month.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, will take the lead on jobs and enterprise. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, will head the attacks on Labour, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will focus on law and order, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will take overall responsibility for constitutional issues, backed by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and William Hague, the Welsh Secretary. Today Mr Forsyth will take the Scottish frontbench to Linlithgow, near Edinburgh, to campaign against Labour's plans for a Scottish Parliament.

Tomorrow John Redwood is scheduled to fly to the United States for a nine-day lecture tour, meeting leading figures in the Republican party. Lady Thatcher has given him a glowing letter of introduction, while delivering a thinly veiled snub to Mr Portillo, who was once seen as her favourite heir.

She has turned down Mr Portillo's request to attend a fund-raising function, at a date of her choosing, at his Enfield Southgate conservative association.

Gaffe-prone Short fails new Labour's smooth-talking test

By Alice Thomson and Philip Webster

CLARE SHORT yesterday paid the penalty for being left behind in new Labour's long march to media friendliness.

A series of gaffes, culminating in an abrupt and stormy departure from a television studio earlier this week, highlighted her failure to fit in. Her demotion to Overseas Development spokesman means that she is unlikely to gain any further publicity unless accompanied by the Princess of Wales to a war zone.

The left-wing Ms Short, who campaigned for Margaret Beckett as leader and who once called Mr Blair "a poisonous voice", proved that ideologically she could go a long way fast when he was elected two years ago. She was soon being hailed as part of brave new Labour and the woman who initiated all-women selection lists for Labour candidates.

Only some tabloid newspapers seemed to dislike her, labelling her "too ugly to be raped" after she tried to ban Page Three girls.

But last year it seemed that every time she was given a microphone, in the words of an irritated Labour aide she "resorted to unprofessional and naive drivel from the days of old Labour." Other Labour sources said she was "infelicitous and has the fuse the length of her name".

She felt increasingly compelled to stray from her transport brief. First she embarrassed Mr Blair when she said on air that Labour should consider legalisation of cannabis.

She ran into trouble when she appeared to be less than supportive of Harriet Harman over her decision to send her son to a selective grammar school. This April she revived arguments over Labour's tax plans for middle income earners when she said she would not object to paying a bit more tax on her salary of £35,000 a year.

When it was made clear that she should shut up, she retaliated: "I don't respect people who hide behind those kinds of description" and later added: "I will not be silenced." She was replaced by her deputy in interviews.

The last straw came on Wednesday when she removed her microphone and walked out of a television interview after she was challenged about the Tube strike.

But many left-wing backbenchers sympathised. They see Ms Short as new Labour's canary, prepared to stick her neck out when principles are being betrayed. They admire her honesty, bravery and Brummy accent. Like John Prescott, one of her closest allies, she doesn't behave like a modern politician.

When asked why she hadn't merely lied about cannabis, the staunch Catholic said: "I cannot live in a world where I am obliged to lie. If that's the price of politics, I'm not paying it." The price of honesty will be regular trips to the Third World.

Blair wields the axe

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is taking a very important job in a very important tradition in the Labour Party," the spokesman said.

The environmental protection post goes to Michael Meacher. He moves from employment, where he was always overshadowed by Mr Blunkett, who heads the joint education and employment brief.

Mr Blair's decision to swap Ms Harman and Mr Smith was given various interpretations yesterday. Some insiders believe that Mr Smith has not been radical enough for Mr Blair and has balked at making tough spending decisions. He has rowed with Mr Brown over extending unemployment benefits, and over changes to child benefit.

But other sources suggest that Ms Harman has given a disappointing performance at health and failed to tackle some key issues. Mr Blair's office made clear that he had been keen to move her "to give her a new lease of life".

He suggested that the job would give her a boost after her endorsement by the parliamentary party, which re-elected her to the Shadow Cabinet in spite of the anger over her decision over her son's schooling.

Mr Blair is expected to announce a modest reshuffle of other frontbenchers today.

Gordon Brown's power-base within the Labour leadership was strengthened further yesterday by the appointments of Andrew Smith to Shadow Transport Secretary and Alistair Darling to Shadow Treasury Chief Secretary.

Mr Smith and Mr Darling are quintessentially new Labour but both have worked for the Shadow Chancellor for several years.

☐ Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and a close confidante of Tony Blair, apologised to the Commons after failing to disclose a £21,000 payment from Mirror Group Newspapers. She did not declare the payment for a researcher in her office.

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CARL RUTHERFORD

Dr Baldwin, his rottweiler and truck. The NHS paid £2,300 moving expenses

One medical man and his dog go back to America

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

AN AMERICAN doctor whose dog was flown to Britain at the expense of the National Health Service when he took up a job here is returning after a year.

The health trust that paid Dr Craig Baldwin's £2,300 relocation package on top of a £52,000 salary denies embarrassment. "We would have had a lot more egg on our face had we not been able to recruit a consultant anaesthetist," Anne Botterill, spokeswoman for Hartlepool and East Durham NHS Trust, said.

Dr Baldwin, 52, was criticised by trade unions and Labour politicians when the trust paid an air ticket and six months' quarantine for his rottweiler Fritz and shipped his pick-up truck across. He said: "I would be lying if I said the row over bringing my dog to England wasn't one of the things that has pushed me to go. It did upset me."

But homesickness is the chief reason for Dr Baldwin and his wife Tricia returning to St Louis, her home town. His new employers at a children's hospital have left him to pay up to £5,000 relocation costs.

Mrs Baldwin, 51, gave birth to twins boys shortly after her husband started work at Hartlepool General Hospital last July. He said: "My wife has a large family in the States and she has faced a lot of social isolation here. Perhaps because we are an older couple with small babies, we don't seem to fit in socially."

Dr Baldwin was surprised by the row over what he thought was a private arrangement. "You need to de-Stalinise your politics and your hospitals a little bit," he said.

The trust says it would have lost accreditation to train junior doctors without an anaesthetist. It has recruited a British replacement.

Dr Baldwin's family received less than a warm North Country welcome. Their home was burgled and a gang of boys continually threw eggs and stones at it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BBC governors keep World Service plan

BBC governors yesterday defended proposed changes to the World Service by John Birt, the Director-General. At their monthly meeting — their first opportunity to discuss widespread public concern about the restructuring — the 12 governors said they believed the changes would "yield significant benefits, enhancing the quality of services and reducing costs". They urged Mr Birt to give priority to keeping the English and foreign-language news operations of the World Service at the same location.

The most contentious proposal has been the merger of the World Service's English-language news with general radio and television news. The lease on Bush House, the World Service's traditional home, runs out in 2005.

Highland fling for DJ

The Radio One disc jockey Chris Evans said yesterday that he would be moving to the Scottish Highlands next week to broadcast his breakfast show from the BBC's studios in Inverness. Evans said that if the relocation worked well he would buy a house and live in the Highlands because the air was cleaner than in London. The other seven members of his show will also transfer for the week.

Tithe barn owner fined

The owner of a 15th-century tithe barn was fined £8,000 yesterday after being convicted on four counts of causing reckless damage to an ancient monument. Luton Crown Court had been told the barn had been subjected to excavations to its drainage system and moat and illegal foundations and trenches had been dug. John Hope of Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire, said he would appeal.

Police posted overseas

Irish police officers are to be stationed abroad as part of a government package to combat drug-related crime. Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, said two police liaison officers would be stationed in Madrid and The Hague as part of the battle against drugs. There will also be more judges, powers to seize the assets of criminals and restrictions on the right to silence.

Two-acre island for sale

A tiny island with its own shipwreck has been put on sale for £275,000 by a millionaire businessman. Two-acre Thorn Island sits a quarter of a mile off Pembrokeshire, southwest Wales. A 19th-century naval fort on the island has been converted into a hotel. Peter Williamson has windsurfed and fished for seven years from the wreck of a Scottish merchant vessel which sank in 1895.

House prices recover

House prices in Scotland have shown their biggest increase since January 1994, according to figures published by the Royal Bank of Scotland. But although the average price rose by 0.9 per cent, the market was simply regaining lost ground and the trend for housing in Scotland was flat, the bank said. Sales figures for May were also lower than expected.

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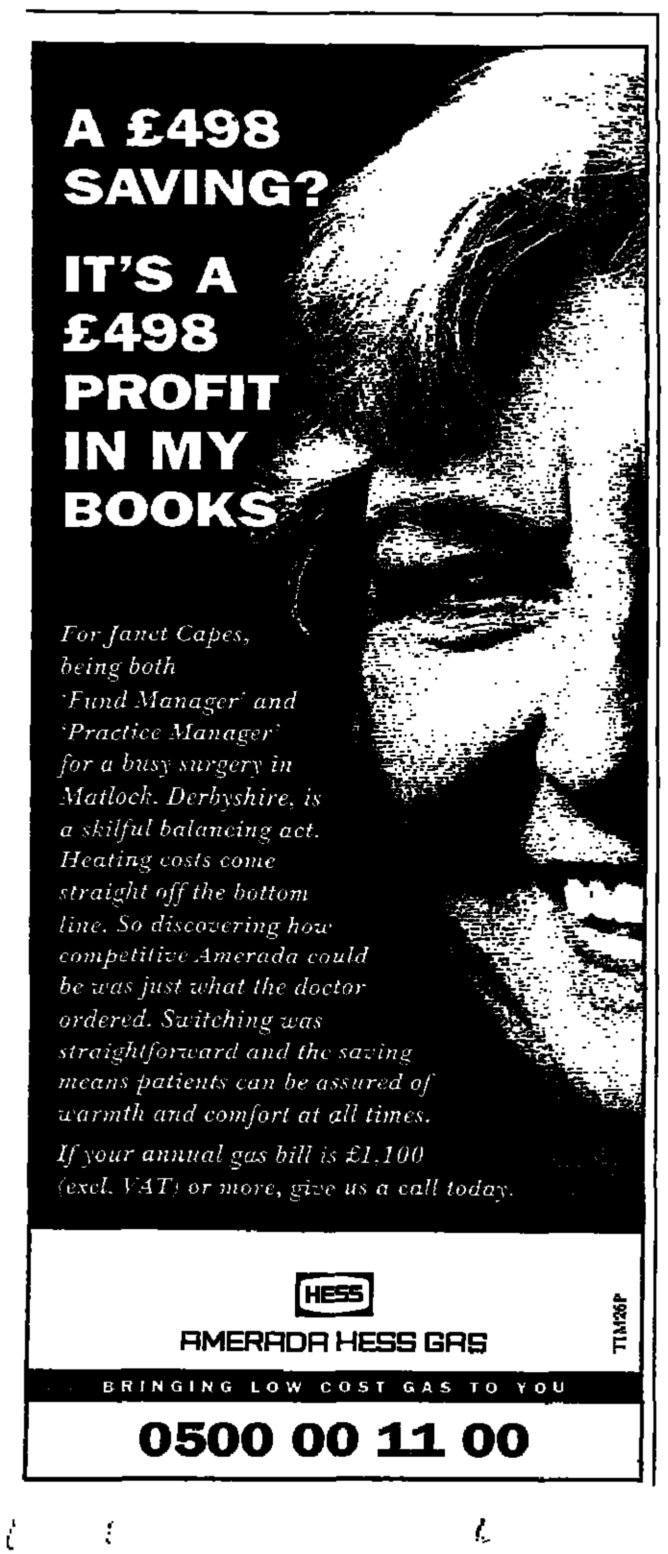
Peugeot holiday deal

Peugeot workers have agreed by two-to-one to the company's demands that the plant in Ryton, Coventry, shut down for all of August — but for this year only. The company had also scrapped the traditional September holiday week, but has offered a week's paid absence in September made up of scheduled "down days", during which essential maintenance will be carried out.

Sheep may safely graze

A ram has died after what its owner believes to be a record-breaking 11 seasons "serving" 1,000 ewes at North Hanging Wells Farm, Eastgate, Co Durham. The 14-year-old, called Zed, was found dead in a field by John Skidmore, the 1991 Sheep Farmer of the Year, who believes its serving of 600 ewes in the past three seasons alone might be unrivalled. "He died with a smile on his face," Mr Skidmore said.



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£90m jail building scheme will ease overcrowding

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

AN EMERGENCY building programme for the Prison Service was announced yesterday after ministers were told that overcrowding could provoke disturbances.

The service won an estimated £90 million for vital security improvements to five jails plus the provision of 3,300 places to cater for an inmate population rising at the rate of 250 a week.

But the Treasury has told Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to find the money from within the present Home Office budget. It will come from an underspend of funds on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

Richard Tilt, the new director general of the Prison Service, told governors in the 135 jails in England and Wales of his success in getting urgent extra money to reduce overcrowding. "It has been a hard-argued battle but I think the arguments won the day," he said. "Without the money there would have been a continuing risk of not having the best security standards in key local prisons."

He warned governors of the difficulties in dealing with a prison population predicted to reach 60,000 by next March, compared with an earlier forecast of 54,500. Last week the number of inmates was 55,851, an increase of 280 on the previous week.

The additional money is to be spent on improving security at Manchester jail, Durham, Bristol, High Down near Sutton in Surrey and Woodhill near Milton Keynes, which all hold some high-risk inmates. It will also be used to refurbish 1,300 cells in vacant Victorian wings at Liverpool, Leeds, Preston and Wandsworth jails. The first modernised cells will be available for use in Liverpool and Preston next April, in Leeds by December next year and at Wandsworth by early 1998.

Two thousand additional places are to be provided by building 20 houseblocks in prison grounds. One thousand of the new cells will be open by July 1997 and a further thousand in early 1998.

David Roddan, general secretary of the Prison Governors' Association, said: "This argument over money has brought us to the brink of disaster. We sincerely hope that lessons have been learnt for the future".

The scale of the problem was highlighted last week when there were only 60 empty beds in the northern area of the Prison Service. Inmates have had to be moved to jails in southern England to ease the pressure, particularly in the North West.

The rapidly rising prison population is a result of government policy. Figures published yesterday show that the tough rhetoric on law and order by both main parties has been reflected in longer sentences being imposed.

Plea to deny asylum to extremists

THE Home Secretary is to demand that asylum be refused to supporters of terrorism as part of a G7 package to curb international terrorism (Richard Ford writes).

Michael Howard wants the United Nations to declare that planning, funding or inciting terrorism is contrary to UN principles. Under his plan, anyone engaged in such activities would not be entitled to asylum under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees.

He is to put his plan to an anti-terrorism summit of foreign and interior ministers from G7 states and Russia in Paris on Tuesday. He said he was confident that the plan would win agreement at the UN. Mr Howard is also to put forward plans for an international directory of counter-terrorism experience.

The Government has already announced proposals to give British courts powers to prosecute "foreign extremists" for conspiring or inciting terrorist or criminal acts abroad while in the UK.

National Trust needs £210m for repairs

By Michael Hornsby

MORE than £210 million will be needed over the next five years to start work on halting serious deterioration of some of Britain's most historic houses, the National Trust said yesterday.

Charles Nunneley, the trust's chairman, said the charity's ability to maintain its estate was threatened by reduced government support, taxation changes and a decline in traditional sources of income such as legacies.

Presenting the trust's annual report, Mr Nunneley said: "The principal challenge now confronting us is to convey to the world that we are a charity, with equally great liabilities, which needs money and continuing support."

Among properties in need of repair are Petworth House in Sussex, Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire and Knole in Kent. The bill for these alone is put at more than £40 million. Work includes shoring up the crumbling park wall at Knole, replacing rotting beams holding up the first floor at Petworth, and repair of the of 16th and 17th-century wall tapestries at Hardwick.

Last year the trust's income from legacies fell 17 per cent, from £24.6 million to £20.4 million, and accounted for only 13 per cent of income, compared with 17 per cent the year before. Legacies are expected to continue to decline because people are living longer and need more money to support themselves.

Mr Nunneley said the trust was grateful for £8 million in Heritage Lottery Fund grants that were under negotiation but would like to see the rules changed to allow such grants to be given for the care and maintenance of existing properties, not just for the acquisition of new properties.

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Hitmen hired to kill husband

Private eye's last inquiry was into wife's murder plot

By Adrian Lee

THERE was no shortage of suspects when a private detective nicknamed Barry the Bastard was discovered bludgeoned to death in a bath of cold water. As one rival of Barry Trigwell put it when asked who was the likely killer: "It could have been any one of 50 people."

But when police began unravelling the 44-year-old's complex affairs, they discovered that there was one person who most wanted him dead. Anne Trigwell, 43, his wife of less than a year, had a strong alibi — she was 6,000 miles away in her native South Africa — but her motives were stronger. She had a lover and stood to inherit £400,000 from insurance and mortgage bonds if her husband died.

Yesterday she began a life sentence after being convicted at Birmingham Crown Court of arranging for two South African hitmen to murder her husband at their home in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. It was, said Mr Justice Nelson, "a cold, calculated offence. A chilling murder.

"You inspired and planned the death of your husband and you were actively involved in ensuring that the killers were able to perform their gruesome and vicious task."

Mr Trigwell was beaten to death in February last year when the hitmen's gun failed to go off and his body was placed in the bath to hamper the forensic investigation. He was discovered by John Waight, his partner at the Birmingham branch of the Nationwide Investigations Agency.

Mrs Trigwell, who had ostensibly flown to South Africa to care for a pregnant daughter by a previous marriage, was persuaded back to England to attend his inquest by police, who told her she was not a suspect. She shocked them by her lack of emotion.

A few days later she was arrested and eight officers travelled to South Africa where they discovered links between Mrs Trigwell and a nightclub owner, Alex Mitri, 51. Mrs Trigwell was said to have paid him £15,000 for the contract killing, carried out by Loren Sundkvist and Paul Ras.

They came to Britain and tried to lure the private detective to his death. But he suspected someone was trying to kill him and, a week before his death, he asked his sister, Julie Armener, to pass on information to a trusted fellow investigator if anything happened.

He avoided meetings with the men, who telephoned him offering work, thinking it unusual that they should have his home number.

The telephone number of the Clover Hotel, in Sutton Coldfield, obtained by the victim when he used the 1471 call-back system, and passed to his sister, later helped police.

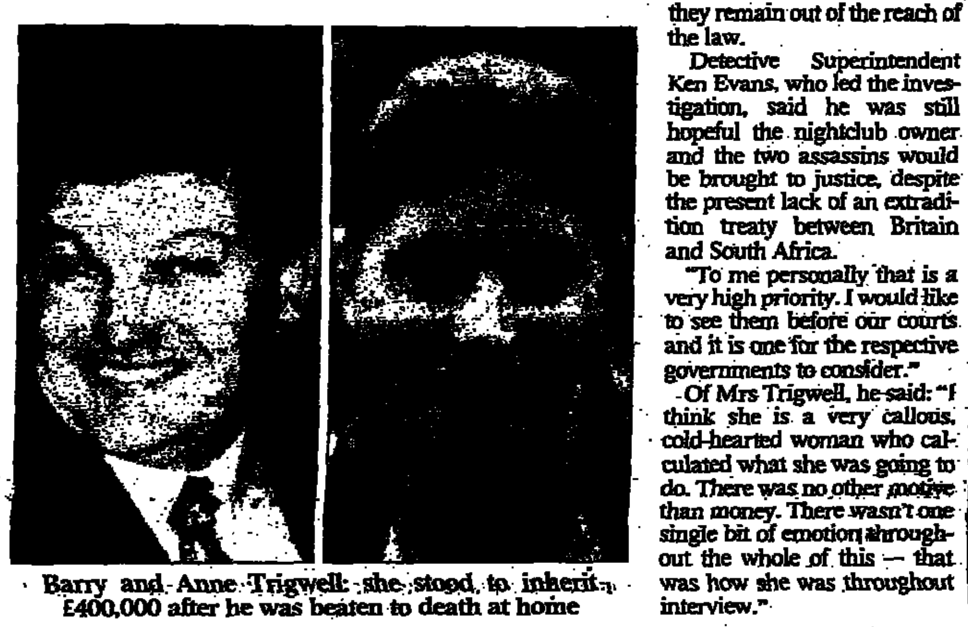
The men returned and, according to a receptionist, were delivered a package by a woman matching Mrs Trigwell's description. The receptionist, fearing it might contain drugs, opened it to find £300 cash and a freshly cut Yale key. It was resealed and handed to one of the South Africans.

Police believe the receptionist unwittingly handed over the key which the men later used to gain entry to Mr Trigwell's house, before killing him and then locking the door as they left. By the time he was discovered, his killers were already on their way back to South Africa where they remain out of the reach of the law.

Detective Superintendent Ken Evans, who led the investigation, said he was still hopeful the nightclub owner and the two assassins would be brought to justice, despite the present lack of an extradition treaty between Britain and South Africa.

"To me personally that is a very high priority. I would like to see them before our courts and it is one for the respective governments to consider."

Of Mrs Trigwell, he said: "I think she is a very callous, cold-hearted woman who calculated what she was going to do. There was no other motive than money. There wasn't one single bit of emotion throughout the whole of this — that was how she was throughout interview."



Barry and Anne Trigwell: she stood to inherit £400,000 after he was beaten to death at home

A skater makes tracks through the London traffic, above, while Katrina Manson arrives in her father's dinghy on time for a job interview

Commuters find a way around Tube strikes

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THEY came by boat, bicycle and scooter, on skates or on foot, an army of 1.6 million commuters determined to beat the Tube strike and make it into work on time.

With the London Underground paralysed for the fourth time this summer, the capital's workforce is resorting to novel means of transport to reach the office. Katrina Manson, 16, was so keen to get to a job interview in the City that her father gave her a lift in his dinghy up the Thames from their home in Chiswick, west London.

Mr Manson said: "Katrina was furious last week when she had to struggle to get to work. She did not get there until midday and she ended up walking a lot of the way. We were determined that she should not be beaten again." They set off at 7am and Katrina arrived on time three hours later.

The pavements and parks of the capital were packed with pedestrians, cyclists and in-line skaters making their way to work in the sun from 7am onwards as temperatures reached the mid-70s.

Nadia Martin, 24, who works at a City merchant bank, skated the six miles from Earls Court. "We have showers at work so, as the weather is nice, I thought why not? I bought the cheapest pair I could find for £40 and this is only the second time I have been out on them."

Bicycles unused for years were seen wobbling towards the Square Mile with pin-striped workers navigating their way to the office. One senior civil servant said he had borrowed his 14-year-old daughter's racing bike to get to Whitehall.

Martin Young, 31, a financial adviser, completed a 40-mile round trip by cycling from his office in Staines to Waterloo to catch a train to a meeting in south London. "The strike is a pain, but I can get showered in the office. I have really quite enjoyed cycling today."

Ian Smith, 53, managing director of the Midlands Shires Farmers Board, walked from Marble Arch to a business meeting at Waterloo. "I am not happy," he said. "It's quite hot. I set out at 8.45 and don't expect to get there until 9.50. This is hard work. I would not describe myself as a regular walker."

Thousands of others going to the Lord's Test and a Buckingham Palace garden party were forced into long marches in the sun from mainline railway stations. Brian and Christine Knight, garden party guests, had to carry their formal clothes in suitcases for two miles after arriving at King's Cross from Lincoln.

Many taxi and minicab firms were refusing all bookings after City executives reserved transport to meetings weeks in advance. One firm offering lifts on motorcycles said that its fleet was fully booked from dawn and it was already taking reservations for planned strike days in September.

Funeral for girl murdered on trip to France

SCHOOLMATES wept yesterday at a simple funeral service for Caroline Dickinson, the 13-year-old raped and murdered at a French youth hostel last week.

The town of Launceston in Cornwall was in mourning as family, friends and teachers crowded into the parish church to say farewell to the child killed during a week-long holiday in Brittany. Among the congregation were the 39 pupils and five teachers who went with Caroline on the trip, including the four companions who slept in nearby beds as she was raped and suffocated in the hostel at Pleine Fougères, near St Malo.

The church of St Mary Magdalene, where the funeral took place, is near Launceston College, where Caroline was a second-year pupil. Her parents, Susan and John Dickinson, and sister Jennifer, 11, led the congregation. A French contingent included the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Pleine Fougères and representatives from the hostel. Caroline's poem, *My Cat* — written when she was 10 — was read by Robert Bone, head teacher of Launceston Primary School. The service was followed by a burial attended by family and close friends.

A 39-year-old vagrant has been charged with Caroline's murder and rape. Patrice Pade will plead guilty to the charges at his trial in the late autumn.

The taxman wants his slice of golf profits

By Richard Duce

WELL-HEELED residents of Lytham St Annes can expect the unwanted attentions of the taxman after the recent golf Open Championship.

Many let their homes close to the Lancashire course for the duration of the ten-day competition for about £5,000. However, the dealings were monitored by a small team of Inland Revenue investigators who studied the small advertisements in newspapers and toured the streets surrounding the famous course.

Some managed to get £300 for allowing their drives and garages to be used for parking, while others set up food stalls or became overnight landladies by placing "Vacancies" signs in their windows. In all the Open was estimated to be worth £18 million to the town.

Tax officials always monitors economic activity surrounding big sporting events, such as Wimbledon, and an unscheduled tax return through the post is a fair indication that they are after a cut of any money made. In the last financial year the Inland Revenue recovered £88.7 million in such operations. Car boot sales are also monitored.

The Inland Revenue said yesterday: "If someone is simply clearing out their garage as a one-off sale we wouldn't be interested, but if they are regularly trading then we are.

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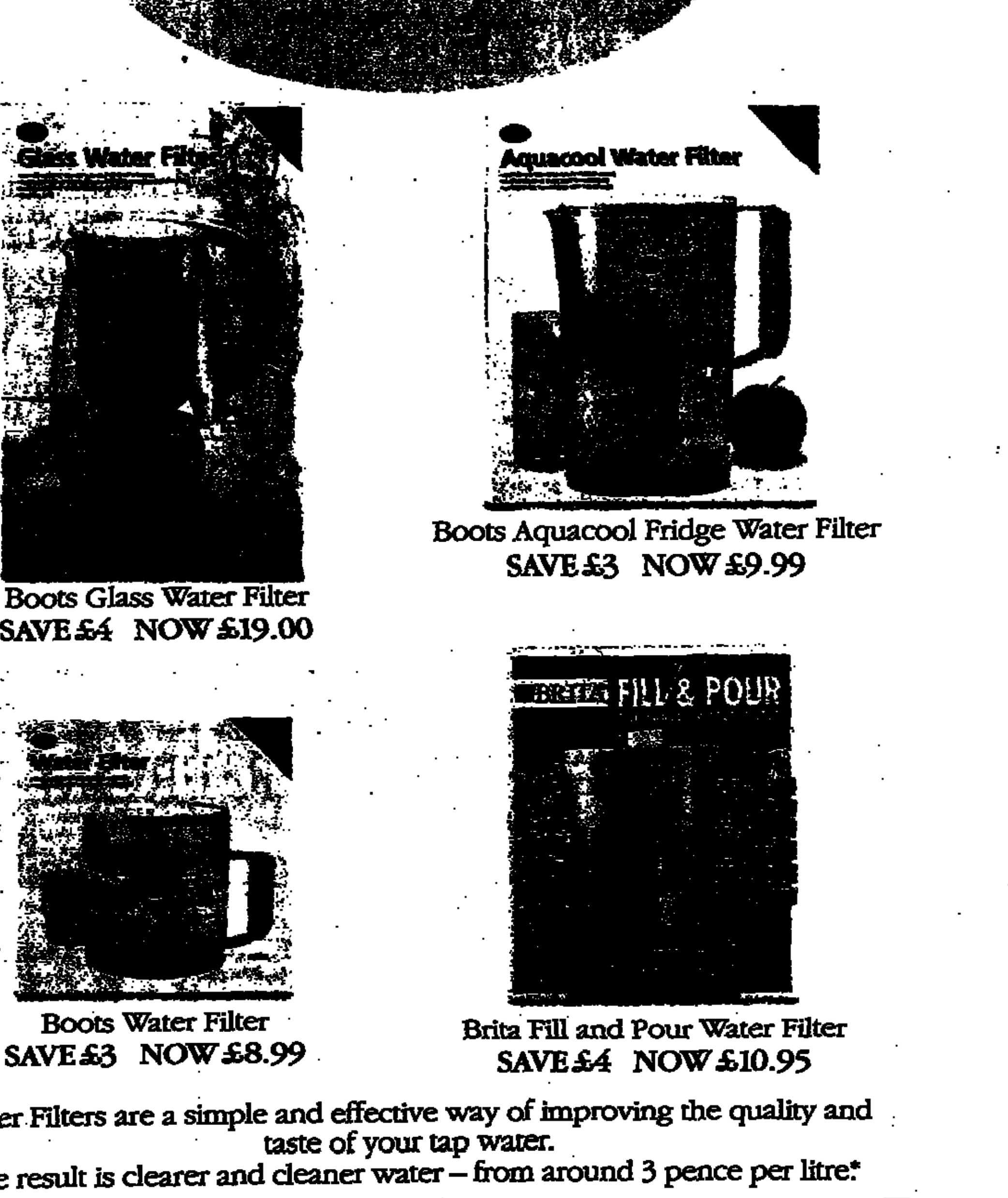

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£150,000 fine for airline that put passengers at risk

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

BRITISH MIDLAND Airways was fined £150,000 plus £25,000 costs yesterday for "an act of crass negligence" which, but for the skill of a pilot, could have led to the crash of a Boeing 737 jet and the deaths of 182 people.

Judge Daniel Rodwell was told that the jet left East Midlands airport bound for Lanzarote but was forced to make an emergency landing 13 minutes later because the airline's staff had failed to replace oil caps after a detailed inspection of the engines.

Luton Crown Court was told that, had it not been for the vigilance and skill of the pilot, Barney Reichman, who noticed the rapid oil loss, the aircraft would have crashed, "with a very high probability of killing the people on board".

British Midland Airways admitted two charges of negligently endangering life under articles 50 and 51 of the 1989 Air Navigation Order. It was the first prosecution of a scheduled airline by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Judge Rodwell said: "There were quite serious defects in the company's procedures. The public must have confidence that companies which run airlines take all proper and necessary steps to ensure the safety of passengers." Edmund Lawson, QC, for the company, said immense damage had been caused to the company's reputation and this was real commercial damage. The company accepted it had been negligent, but there was no suggestion of recklessness, he said.

Last night John Woolfe, deputy chairman and chief operations director of the airline, said that the judge's comments were very fair. "We have done everything humanly possible to ensure that nothing like this can ever happen again."

Two maintenance engineers who had failed to spot that caps on the oil sumps of each engine had not been replaced were dismissed and the airline has now drastically changed its maintenance procedures. One of the unnamed engineers is still working on jet aircraft for another airline.

Hours earlier a report by the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch said that the incident, and two others involving faulty maintenance within the past three years on other airlines, cast "doubt upon the adequacy of the organisation and infrastructure which has developed to support aircraft maintenance". It said that the work on the British Midland jet was carried out when many engineers were on holiday or off sick. All three incidents took place at night "when judgment is generally likely to be impaired".

"The foundations of most of the current practices employed in aircraft maintenance were laid when the aircraft, operating and commercial environments were very different from today," it said.

"These industry standards ... have all developed over time, but in these three events have been demonstrated to be fallible."

Fifteen safety recommendations are made, most of them technical changes to the way maintenance is carried out and monitored, and ten of which are directed at the Civil Aviation Authority which brought the charges against British Midland.

After the case Captain Reichman said it was a pilot's job to cope with the unexpected. "We have to anticipate the worst case scenario. We are not just up there to press a button and trust in the wonders of modern technology. We have to be ready for this kind of eventuality."

ANTHONY UPTON

The Princess of Wales and Jane Atkinson, her former press adviser, leaving Kensington Palace separately yesterday after a ten-minute meeting. Ms Atkinson, who resigned while the Princess was on holiday in France, said that it was an "amicable" final handover

Fundraiser is less than charitable about Duchess

By Dominic Kennedy

THE Duchess of York is forever late and disorganised — but impressive at raising money for good causes, according to a colleague in a leading charity. Dominic Prince, a prominent member of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, says in The Spectator that her behaviour made committee stalwarts grit their teeth.

Mr Prince writes: "She is always at least half-an-hour late for meetings, complains to me about tabloid journalists and is hopelessly disorganised, so that nothing we decide gets followed up. At our last meeting she invited her bank manager and kept cracking jokes about her overdraft, which was then still a secret. If she occasionally makes us grit our teeth, then so be it. There is a trade-off between income and the royal desire to be fêted and revered."

Mr Prince, a financial journalist, was invited by the Duchess to sit on the Corporate Advisory Council of the charity which his father helped to found. "On the positive side, she got people like Robert Stigwood, the Hollywood producer, to cough up a good deal of much-needed loot. I watched her do it, and very impressive it was. She promised that her then-estranged husband would attend a golf tournament and got pledges on the spot. Last year she was responsible for raising £200,000 of the £2 million income. Its income was £2,000 when she started.

"After one of her more disagreeable encounters with the newspapers, she tendered her resignation to the charity. There were some who thought she was a no-good trollop and should go, but there were others with more foresight."

The Duchess is patron to seven charities. Yesterday her New York publicist, Howard J. Ruberstein, said: "Despite the false and negative image in this story, the Duchess will not be deterred from her important work on behalf of children and those in need."

The Motor Neurone Disease Association said: "The Duchess of York has provided much-appreciated support to people with motor neurone disease and contributed enormously to the success of fundraising activities."

Imran withdraws tampering claim against Botham

By Tim Jones

IMRAN KHAN made a dramatic climbdown yesterday when he withdrew his defence that his allegations of ball-tampering against Ian Botham were justified, and offered the former England cricket captain a public apology.

Imran withdrew his claims against Botham after the court was told by a string of witnesses, including the former England captains Brian Close and David Gower, and the current captain, Mike Atherton, that they had never seen him treat the ball in a way they would regard as cheating.

Imran had relied for his claim on television footage of the 1982 Test match against Pakistan which showed him pushing the ball with his fingers. Charles Gray, QC, for Botham, said: "You accused him of illegally tampering with the ball by using his thumbnails to pick the seam and scratching it, and by throwing the ball so it could be scuffed. Do you realise Mr Botham regards these allegations as extremely serious?"

Imran: "Cheating is serious, yes, sir."

Gray: "Now you have heard the explanation are you prepared to apologise for the fact that the allegation was made in court and persisted with for nine days?"

Imran: "Yes sir. If Mr Botham says he was squeezing the ball, I will accept it."

Gray: "The allegations of cheating have received the widest publicity and yet are only being withdrawn now."

Imran: "At no stage have I ever called Mr Botham a cheat. It is technically ball-tampering. I have never regarded it as cheating."

Asked by Mr Carman to describe his feelings at standing before a libel jury, Imran said: "It has caused a lot of pain. Apart from the unhappiness and the time it has taken it has produced tension at a time when my wife is pregnant.

"I made every effort to settle the case short of humiliating myself, but I realised that Botham and Lamb didn't want to settle. They wanted me to be humiliated."

Imran said he knew Lamb and Botham were not racists and he had never called them that. However, he said, he was aware of racism in British society and said Asian cricketers, particularly in the North, had suffered from it.

Before yesterday's hearing ended Imran was passed a bottle top by Mr Gray, who asked him to demonstrate how he had used a similar one to tamper with a ball.

Botham and Lamb are suing Imran over "an offensive personal attack" on them in *India Today* magazine which they say called them racist, uneducated and lacking class and upbringing. Botham alone is suing over a report in *The Sun* which he says accused him of ball-tampering. Imran, who denies libel, says his words were taken out of context and he was only trying to defend himself. The hearing continues.

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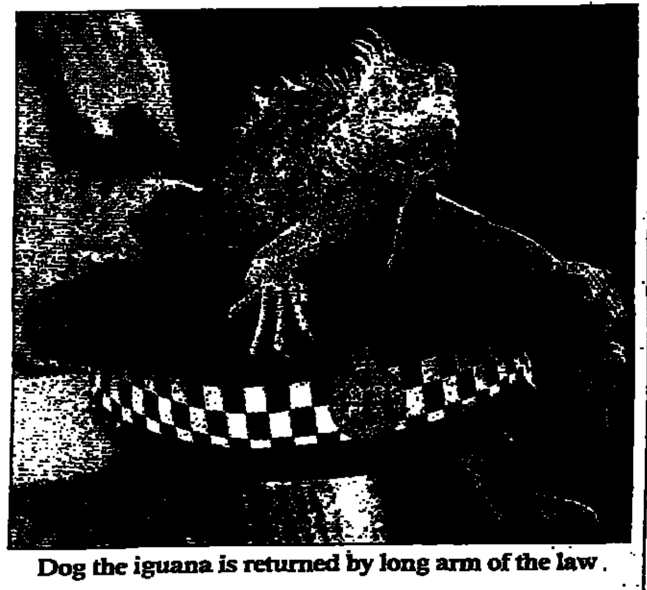

Dog the iguana is returned by long arm of the law

Joy as dog meets Dog

A PET iguana has been found by a police dog six weeks after running away on a Sunday morning stroll with its owner.

Ian Kirkbride had given up hope of ever again seeing his iguana, called Dog. However, it was spotted by a police dog that was being trained by Sergeant Danny Shaw and PC Kenny Cruikshank in the grounds of a vicarage at Shildon, Co Durham. The dog froze on seeing something in the long grass and the officers, on closer inspection, found the 4ft iguana.

Mr Kirkbride said: "He got frightened by a couple of real dogs and ran off. I've been searching high and low for him and was starting to fear he might be dead. I don't normally keep him in a lot, but I will in future."

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Suez anniversary: how Nasser's seizure of canal 40 years ago led to invasion that divided the West

Eden's fatal gamble hastened the end of Empire

Reports by John Young

Eden: his connivance with France angered Americans

FORTY years ago today Gamal Abdel Nasser, the newly elected President of Egypt — he was the sole candidate — announced the nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company to ecstatic crowds in Manshiya Square in Alexandria.

His action provoked a crisis that lasted for more than three months; destroyed Britain's Prime Minister, bitterly divided its people and all but bankrupted its Exchequer; estranged it from its closest allies; ended any hopes of peaceful co-existence between Israel and its Arab neighbours; set in train the dismemberment of the Empire; and brought the world close to nuclear war.

The canal had been opened in 1869 and, although Britain was a minority shareholder in the operating company, which had its headquarters in Paris, it was by far the largest user. It was guarded by no fewer than 80,000 troops. But after a Conservative Government returned to power in 1951, the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, reluctantly acknowledged that the garrison was no longer sustainable and dispatched his Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, to Cairo to negotiate a settlement. An amicable agreement was reached and the last British troops duly left the Canal Zone on June 13, 1956.

There was at that point no reason for Nasser to proceed with nationalisation. The canal company's lease was due to expire 12 years later when the whole complex would be restored to Egyptian sovereignty.

But Nasser was regarded by the West with suspicion. To the United States he represented the principal threat to Israel, and the powerful American Jewish lobby succeeded in portraying Nasser as a fanatic. The French still had their north African colonies, most notably Algeria, and believed Nasser to be the principal supplier of arms to the Algerian rebels.

The arms by 1956 were largely coming from the Soviet Union, which had stepped in to fill the gap left by Britain and the United States. To the Cold War hardliners, in particular John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, it was proof that Egypt was ready to open the door to a communist takeover of the Middle East.

Matters were brought to a head by the Aswan High Dam project on the Nile. Britain and the United States had originally supported the project but, alarmed by Nasser's perceived flirtation with the Russians, Eden and Dulles changed their tune. They informed Egypt on July 19, 1956, that neither country would continue to do so.

On September 10 Dulles proposed the creation of a Suez Canal Users' Association, pledged to safeguard the passage of the 800,000 barrels of Middle East oil a day needed by western Europe. On October 22 the French and Israeli leaders met in great secrecy at Sèvres, outside Paris, where they were joined by Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, and Patrick Dean, chairman of the joint intelligence committee set up to undermine Nasser. It was there that the final plot was hatched: that Israeli forces should move through Sinai to occupy the Canal, and that British and French troops should subsequently intervene on the pretext of keeping the peace.

On October 30 the Israeli Army advanced on Sinai and paratroops dropped to within 25 miles of the canal. The following day Britain and France issued an ultimatum to Egypt which expired at midnight. Egyptian airfields were heavily bombed and aircraft destroyed.

An appalled Eisenhower was reported to have exclaimed: "Bombs, by God. What does Anthony think he's doing? Why is he doing this to me? We have to stop them fast."

The United Nations General Assembly was hastily convened on November 4 and accepted a proposal by Lester Pearson, the Canadian Foreign Minister, to send in an international peacekeeping force, the first of its kind. While huge crowds demonstrated in Trafalgar Square against the invasion, British and French paratroops landed in the Canal Zone. Seaborne forces landed next day.

Within 24 hours they were forced into a ceasefire. Eden talked bleakly of a divided country, ministerial resignations and pressures from the United States. Britain's gold and dollar reserves were almost exhausted. "We can't go on," Eden told a furious Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister.

Egypt could now bask in world sympathy and new offers of friendship. For the Empire it was the beginning of the end — but not quite. With a certain irony, among the first UN troops to arrive on their peacekeeping mission were the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Nasser was acclaimed in Cairo after nationalising the canal 40 years ago today

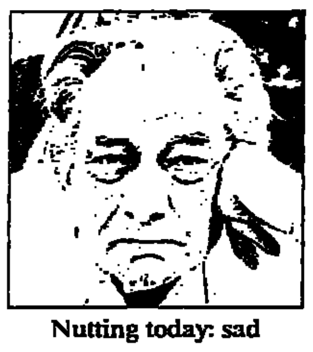
Career sacrificed by the minister who refused to lie

ON THE last day of October 1956, Anthony Nutting, Minister of State at the Foreign Office and a protégé of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, resigned his post. His letter said that he could not defend the Government's position in Parliament or at the United Nations.

Shortly afterwards, faced with the fury of his local party at Melton, Leicestershire, which accused him of betrayal, he resigned from Parliament too. A political career of the highest promise was finished.

Eleven years later Sir Anthony Nutting told his story in his book *No End of a Lesson*. At the time of his resignation he had decided that it was impossible to make a personal statement in Parliament because that would have betrayed the Government's duplicity.

He says now: "I waited until everyone who had told lies was out of office and, in most cases, out of politics. I am probably the only minister ever to have resigned on a matter of principle without making a statement. I made several drafts, but in the end I decided I couldn't tell the Commons what had really happened."


Nutting today: sad

Today, aged 76, tall and courteous, he divides his time between his house in west London and a farm in northern Scotland. He is, he muses, the last survivor of the small group of ministers who were privy to the Suez plot: "Anthony [Eden], Selwyn [Lloyd], Harold [Macmillan], Rab [Butler]; they're all dead."

Nutting was present at the fateful meeting at Chequers on October 14, 1956, between Eden, Albert Gazier, deputising for the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Maurice Challe, France's Deputy Chief of Staff. "It became obvious that the French and the Israelis had been in cahoots for some time.

"Anthony sensed that they had something very important to say. Guy Millard from the Foreign Office was taking a note, as any good diplomat should. Eden told him to put his pen down.

"They came clean. What would we say if the Israelis were to attack Egypt and we were to send in paratroops to protect the canal against this act of war? You could see Anthony's reaction. The whole climate changed. This was the opportunity he had been waiting for."

From then on Nutting believed his position was untenable. "My problem was that I could not defend the policy because I was not prepared to tell lies to the House of Commons and to the UN. I went to see Walter Monckton [later Lord Monckton of Brenchley, then recently resigned as Defence Secretary and serving in the Cabinet as Paymaster-General], who I knew was sympathetic to me and antithetic to the Government. Walter said to me: 'You are the deputy Foreign Secretary, and your job is to defend the Government's action. Can you do it?' I said no. 'Then, in that case, you must go,' he said."

Nutting was shocked and outraged at Eden's collusion with France and Israel. "Anthony was almost, if not completely, as Arabist as the Foreign Office. His sympathies had always been with the Arabs rather than Israel." Indeed, in 1954, Eden had negotiated the British withdrawal from the canal base and had withstood the subsequent challenge from the Suez Group in the Commons, led by Julian Amery, who accused him of appeasement.

After agreement had been reached on troop withdrawals, Nutting was asked by Eden to stay on in Cairo and talk to Nasser. "He told me to ask him what he really wanted and to find out what made him tick. Nasser said to me, 'I will give you a shopping list of arms, and we can take it from there.' But all we did was supply him with some clapped-out old bombers.

It was Nasser's refusal to supply a *casus belli* that increasingly frustrated Eden. "Anthony had had a bad winter. He was very hurt by an article in the *Telegraph* which accused him of vacillation. He was compared unfavourably with Churchill, and he wanted a war so as to assume Winston's mantle. But it just didn't fit."

Eden had earlier been quick to assume that General Sir John Glubb's abrupt dismissal from command of the Arab Legion in Jordan early in 1956 had been inspired by Nasser. "I spent many a night trying to convince him that Nasser had nothing to with it," Nutting says.

"He kept screaming at me that I was in love with Nasser and couldn't seen any fault in him. I left almost in despair. From then on it was no good appealing to him as the great diplomatist. He wanted to be Churchill with a moustache."

How does Nutting feel 40 years on? "Sad, of course. But, as Walter Monckton said, you must do as your conscience tells you."

THE TIMETABLE

July 26: Nasser nationalises the Suez Canal.
August 8: Eden broadcasts to the nation that Nasser cannot be trusted.
Auguust 29: British and French troops sail for Cyprus.
October 22: British and French meet the Israelis in secret near Paris.
October 29: Israel invades Egypt.
October 30: Britain and France threaten to invade unless Israel and Egypt withdraw from Canal Zone.
October 31: British planes bomb Port Said and Cairo.
November 5: United Nations votes for peacekeeping force.
November 6: British and French paratroops seize control of Canal Zone.
November 8: UN imposes ceasefire.
November 21: British hand over to UN and start withdrawal.

'Place yourself under arrest and go to the Tower'

IN SEPTEMBER 1956 the author Michael Holroyd was on leave after completing his National Service officer training at Eaton Hall, Cheshire. He had been commissioned into The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, although his basic training had been with The Royal Green Jackets in Winchester.

One evening in the cinema he saw a newsreel of the Fusiliers embarking in a troopship. "I thought to myself, 'That's funny. Something must be wrong, but what should I do?' So feigning innocence, I rang the regimental HQ the next morning to inquire about changing the buttons on my uniform.

"'What the hell do you think you're doing?' was the reply. 'Why are you still here? Put yourself under arrest and escort yourself to the Tower of London.'

"I was summoned by two senior officers who demanded to know why I had disobeyed a summons to report for active service. I replied that I never received the message but they didn't believe me. I spent the night in the Napoleon Room in the Tower.

"The next day a telegram was found which, in the confusion of the moment, the adjutant had addressed to himself. But that didn't stop them being very angry with me for not checking whether I should report for duty.

"I was sent to Connaught Barracks in Dover, which the regiment had left by then and which was now full of refugees from the Russian invasion of Hungary. Among my duties were to distribute condoms and light bulbs. It was the oddest thing that has ever happened to me."

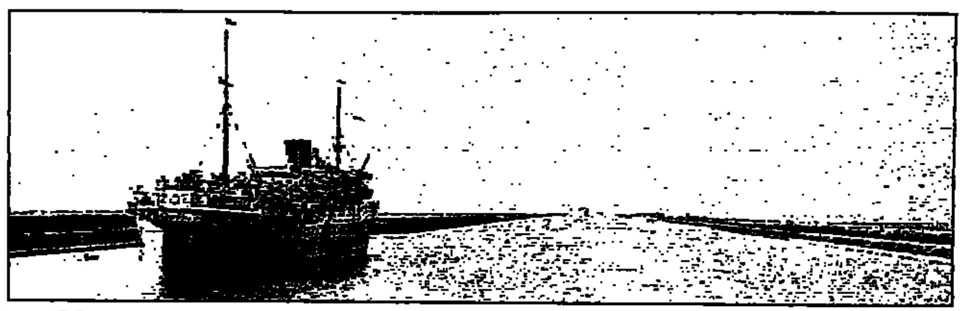
When the battalion returned from Suez, Holroyd was given the task of organising the welcome ceremony, but admits that it all fell rather flat. The mood in the country was divided and dispirited. The weather was wet and windy and only a few people turned out.

"There were seven or eight men wounded, all curiously in the back," he recalls. "It was nothing to do with running away. It seemed that the troops in the frontline trenches got so bored that they occasionally got up to stretch and some over-zealous and frightened chap in the rear would open fire, thinking the enemy was coming. So they were all friendly-fire casualties."

Towards the end of his service Holroyd was given the "giddy rank" of acting unpaid captain and the task of dealing with redundancies among regular officers. "It was given some optimistic name like 'streamlining', but it really was the start of the decline of the old British Army."

☐ *Michael Holroyd is the author of several literary biographies including one of George Bernard Shaw*

Holroyd: he missed the troopship for Suez


The Suez Canal at the time of the crisis, with the Egyptian side on the right

All need not have been lost, says opponent of pull-out

IN THE months leading up to the Suez crisis Julian Amery, a 37-year-old backbencher, became the *de facto* organiser of what came to be known as the Suez Group, a small but vociferous group of Tories who bitterly opposed the "sell-out" of the great military base in the Canal Zone.

Able, articulate and well-connected (he was Harold Macmillan's son-in-law), he went on to hold ministerial posts in various Conservative Governments. Baron Amery of Lustleigh, as he is now titled, recalls the momentous events of 40 years ago with a wry detachment.

Of Anthony Nutting, who described the Suez Group as "malignant", Amery said: "I never quite understood him. I don't see why he should have resigned. Nasser was destroying everything he wanted, and we all felt that Nasser had to go. Yes, of course Nasser was popular, but if he was doing something totally contrary to our interests, why should we worry if he was a popular demagogue?

"I think it would be a great mistake to assume that the Arab world was entirely behind Nasser," he argues. "I had several talks with Nuri [General Nuri Es-Sa'id, the pro-British Prime Minister of Iraq, who was assassinated in a coup in 1958], who said we must defeat Nasser. The same was true of Turkey and Iran.

Amery: says Arabs were not all behind Nasser

"Apart from Nuri, the Hashemites [Jordan and Iraq] weren't all that keen. In fact most of the Arab countries were very uncertain about Nasser. Once the operation went wrong, they took a stance. But before that they hesitated to see which way it would go."

Amery says his convictions at the time dated from an earlier stage in Conservative thinking. "The Tory party was bonded to the concept of a united and peaceful Commonwealth. The idea of pulling out of the Suez base meant the abandonment of that united Commonwealth. We'd given up Palestine, but the Canal Zone was the hub of our imperial power."

But surely there was opposition to the Suez adventure from within the Commonwealth itself? "No, not really, not in their hearts. Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were all on our side, as was Rhodesia, for what it was worth in those days. Canada on the whole sided with the United States, which I found mildly surprising.

"I have little doubt myself that, if we had gone on through the Canal Zone, the Government in Cairo would have made way for a coalition, which would have said, 'Please don't come into Cairo. Let us have a conference to produce a new Canal agreement.' With the moderate elements, we could have started to rebuild the old Anglo-Egyptian accord."

Some months after hostilities ceased Amery went to visit Nasser in Cairo and was received hospitably and without bitterness. "When we parted, he said, 'If you had been Egyptian, you would have been on my side. I think, if I had been British, I would have been on yours.'"

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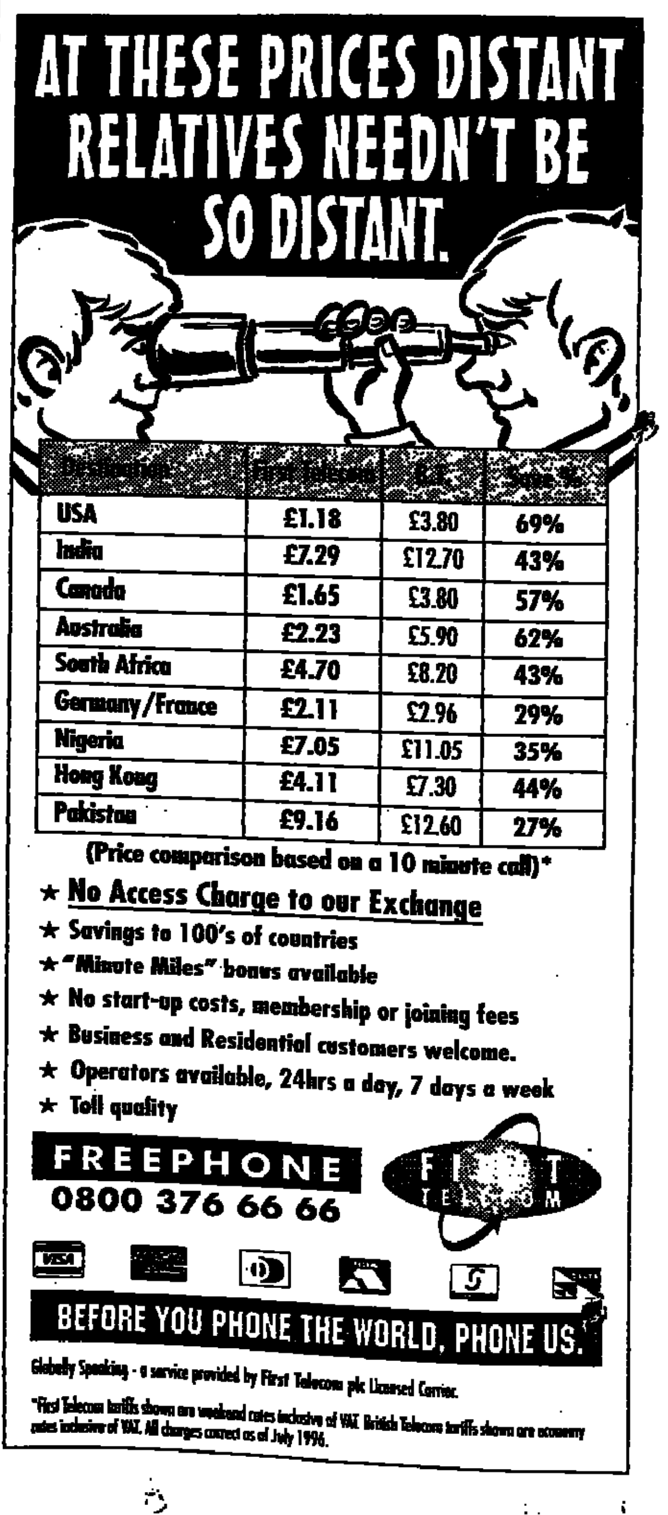
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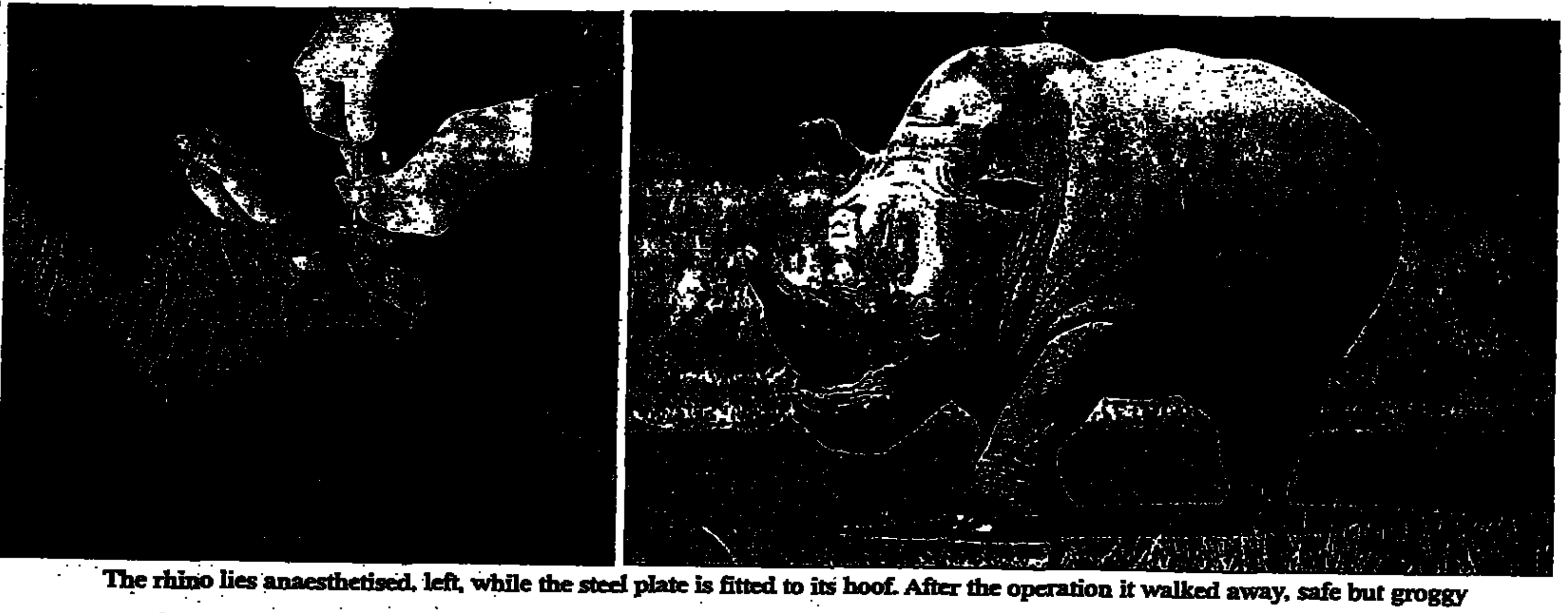

The rhino lies anaesthetised, left, while the steel plate is fitted to its hoof. After the operation it walked away, safe but groggy

Pedicure helps rhino keep toehold on life

By Lin Jenkins

EXPERTS made a house call yesterday to perform an emergency pedicure. Their 28-year-old client was suffering from a cracked toenail. As she was a female white rhinoceros weighing four tonnes, the equipment included a heavy-duty crane and an artificial nail made of stainless steel.

The pioneering treatment was necessary to save the life of Maggot, one of an endangered species, which has lived at Woburn Safari Park since 1972. An infection in the nail was in danger of travelling further up the leg and becoming untreatable. In the wild, hard-baked earth would keep the nail trim, but the softer and wetter conditions in Britain allowed it to grow and soften.

Maggot was anaesthetised while two veterinary surgeons who specialise in treating exotic animals and one of the country's leading farriers cleaned out the infected crack and knitted the two parts together with a plate. A crane capable of lifting 25 tonnes was on standby in case the rhino fell the wrong way. Afterwards Maggot staggered up and groggily walked off, to the relief of the team. Stuart Elliot, one of the vets, said: "Anaesthetising a creature as big as a rhino is very risky. The animal's body weight can crush internal organs and cut off circulation, causing heart failure."

Slim Symons, who teaches at the Hereford School of Farriery, said: "I am 90 per cent happy with the work. Time will tell. I would be 100 per cent if it was a horse, but I've never done a rhino before."

Nick Whiting, Maggot's keeper for the past 13 years, added: "I am so relieved. I could not sleep worrying about her because there is always a big risk of knocking out large animals like this. She is a smashing-natured animal; I knew she would take it in her stride."

Best maths teaching 'is made in Taiwan'

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

TEACHERS should look to Taiwan for lessons in reversing the decline in ability at mathematics among British pupils, school inspectors said yesterday.

Primary schools should try holding back low-achievers for a year and setting more tests and homework to ensure that all children progressed at a similar pace, said a report on international achievement by Ofsted, the school inspection agency.

Lessons from successful Pacific Rim countries could revitalise mathematics teaching in the same way that Japanese methods helped to save the British car industry, said David Reynolds, co-author of the report, *Worlds Apart*.

The report also said that the most successful European countries, including Germany and Switzerland, used more teaching of whole classes of mixed ability at primary level and, like Taiwan, selection at secondary schools.

A series of surveys showed British pupils falling further behind most of the developed world in mathematics from the 1960s to the 1990s.

Research to be published this year and disclosed earlier this month in *The Times* showed that six years ago English 13-year-olds were 3 per cent above the world average in mathematics. They have fallen to 3 per cent below, answering 53 per cent of questions correctly compared with 79 per cent in first-placed Singapore.

Professor Reynolds, from Newcastle University, said: "The situation is so worrying that the risk involved in looking outward and trying new practices is worth taking.

"There is a large range of achievement in the UK and, although our top end is up there with other countries, we have a huge long tail which many people have said is the great British educational problem."

This tail could be shortened by promoting high-achievers to the year ahead or holding back under-achievers. In Taiwanese primary schools, the same work is set for all children, who are expected to keep up, and the best pupils help to tutor classmates when they have finished their work. Regular testing is used to diagnose problems early and children who have fallen behind catch up at break times and after school.

Professor Reynolds said: "Teachers should realise you can get all children over a hurdle and you do not have to distribute them across a range which has been the historic British practice."

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said the report was not intended as "teacher-bashing". He added: "This is an attempt to contribute positively to the debate about standards and how they can be raised. We hope there won't be a head-in-the-sand reaction."

The Government's latest education White Paper will make it easier for schools to introduce partial selection. Professor Reynolds said that, conversely, Taiwan was about to begin experimenting with comprehensive secondary schools.

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Women kept out of professorships

By Our Education Correspondent

FEWER than one in 12 professors are female, even though women make up a third of university academics, according to a league table compiled by *The Times Higher Education Supplement* and published today.

Helena Kennedy, QC, Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, said that the figures exposed the shameful myth that higher education was a world of equal opportunity. Oxford Brookes came second in the league table, believed to be the first such survey. The university's 12 women professors make up 26.1 per cent of its total.

Top of the table was South Bank University in London, with 32.6 per cent. The highest pre-1992 university, King's College London, came third on 17.1 per cent.

Oxford recently appointed 162 professors, of whom 18 were women. It was placed 38th in the league with 5.7 per cent of professorships held by women. Cambridge was in 41st place with 5.5 per cent.

The national average of 7.3 per cent compares with 16 per cent at universities in the United States.

Ms Kennedy, writing in *Beyond the Glass Ceiling*, a book of interviews with successful women academics, said: "There are no job descriptions for professorships, no personnel specifications, no stipulated criteria against which to assess the fitness of the appointee to the post. Accordingly there are no checks against inadvertently biased choices."

Ms Kennedy said that the appointment system had to become as open as the public sector to ensure less discrimination.

☐ A professor at a Welsh higher education college was suspended yesterday over claims that foreign students' degrees were favoured by lenient marking.

Professor Hywel Rees said that he would defend his position after the move by governors at the Swansea Institute of Higher Education.

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Scientists use grey matter to give hope to paralysis victims

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A BREAKTHROUGH in spinal injury research has been made by scientists who have restored movement to the legs of paralysed animals.

The achievement is being hailed a milestone in the quest to find a treatment for people such as Christopher Reeve, the *Superman* actor, who was paralysed in a horse-riding accident. Some 40,000 people in Britain have spinal damage from accident or disease.

The pioneering research, published in *Science*, is by a team at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. The technique hinges on a new way of re-routing severed nerve fibres. Nerves or axons in the spinal cord travel up and down in the outer layer of the cord in the white matter. Previous attempts to reconnect broken nerve fibres directly have failed, and scientists found that the white matter secretes a protein that inhibits growth. The Karolinska team have overcome this by linking broken fibres into the central area of grey matter, by-passing the inhibiting protein.

Up to 18 nerve fibres, taken from elsewhere in the body and measuring about half a millimetre in diameter, are used to make the links between the severed nerve endings and the grey matter.

A substance called fibrin glue, similar to the material that causes blood to clot, is then pumped over the area to hold the bridges between the severed nerve fibres and the grey matter in place. The glue also contains large amounts of a natural chemical that boosts nerve cell growth.

The scientists have found that within days the broken nerve fibres invade the "bridge" and grow into the central spinal cord. Exactly where the new, growing fibres go and how they connect to nerves controlling the leg muscles is uncertain.

So far 22 rats given the new treatment have regained partial movement of their hind legs, whereas rats given only part of the treatment failed to gain any movement.

Professor Wise Young, from the New York University Medical Center, said: "People should not be rushing to their doctors just yet ... the treatment is not ready. But this is a breakthrough. The scientists have demonstrated something that was thought to be impossible." He said the research made it possible that a treatment for people with severe spinal injuries might be available in a decade.

He added that other exciting implications, which held hope for human spinal injury victims, had emerged. "The nerves were not guided to the grey matter, they found their way to the target on their own. This is very hopeful. It shows that the task of regenerating the spinal cord may be easier than many of us thought."

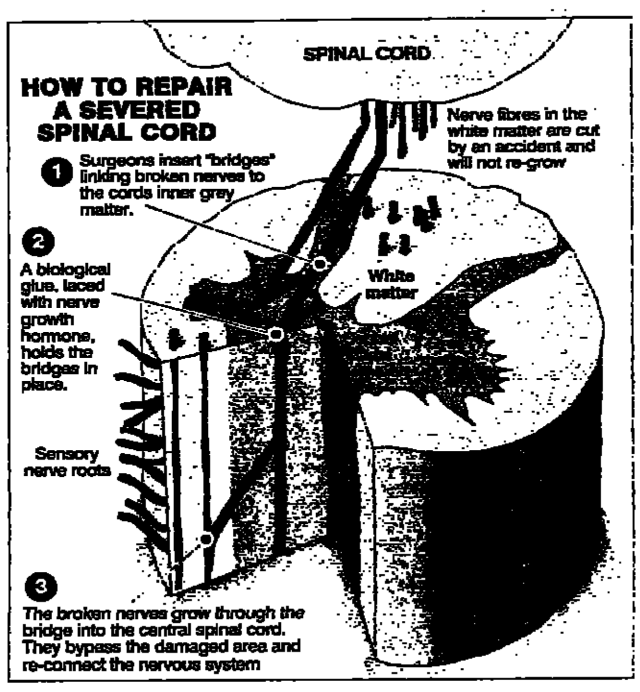
Although not all of the severed fibres grew back into the grey matter, all the treated rats showed some recovery. "It shows you do not need to regenerate everything to get back function back. If we have to regenerate the whole spinal cord, we will not succeed in our lifetime. But it could be that we need only to get 5 to 10 per cent of the nerves back," Professor Young said.

British charities welcomed the findings but urged patients to treat them with caution. Martina Crowley of the Association for Spinal Injury Research, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (Aspire) said yesterday that if the research proves successful it might work only on new spinal injuries, not ones from a few years ago.

"This kind of research is very positive and we all get terribly excited, but it can cause a lot of distress," said Ms Crowley, who is based at the London spinal unit of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. Stephen Bradshaw of the Spinal Injuries Association said that it appeared to be another "excellent step forward but must not be trumpeted too much".

He feared that the relatives of spinal injury victims might rush out and raise money for an operation that was still probably a long way off. The charity believes this money could be better spent on "living for the here and now".

Cancer specialists from the Royal Marsden and St Bartholomew's hospitals in London have challenged promising research findings for marimastat, an anti-cancer drug that has already triggered a stock market boom for its maker, British Biotech. They say in *The Lancet* that the company has misinterpreted initial clinical trials, which were not based on sound evidence.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White matter
Sensory nerve roots
③ The broken nerves grow through the bridge into the central spinal cord. They bypass the damaged area and re-connect the nervous system

The technique that may help those who have been paralysed by spinal injury, such as Christopher Reeve, left

Magnetic pulses to brain lift depression

By Jeremy Laurance

DOCTORS believe they may have found a new treatment for depression, using magnets. By applying rapid magnetic pulses to the brains of severely depressed patients, researchers succeeded in significantly improving the mood of half of them.

The group of 17 patients were candidates for electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), the shock *treatment* for severe depression used as a last resort. A magnetic coil shaped like a figure of eight was placed on the scalp in one of three positions. Magnetic pulses were directed at specific areas of the brain in ten-second bursts. Patients received 20 bursts, separated by one minute pauses, each day for five days.

The findings, published in *The Lancet*, show that nine of the 17 patients reported pronounced improvement in mood after stimulation of the region of the brain associated with depression. However, the benefit was shortlived, tapering off after 14 days.

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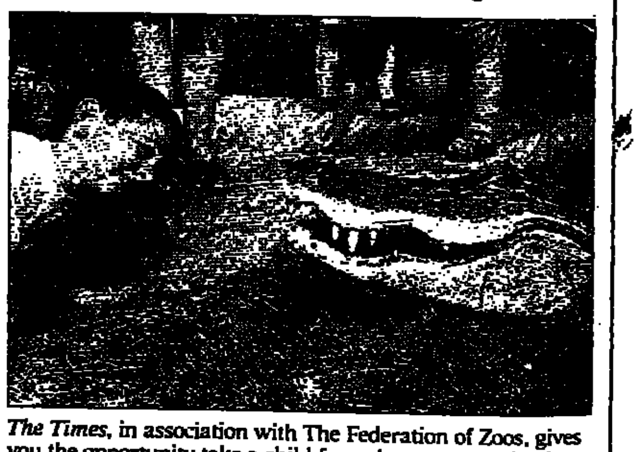

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RAF equipment orders will create thousands of jobs

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE three equipment orders for the RAF announced yesterday will create thousands of jobs and provide it with new generation precision weapon systems.

After weeks of Cabinet infighting during which it looked as if the orders, worth nearly £4 billion, might be delayed until the autumn, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, emerged from a Cabinet meeting to announce that British companies had been awarded all three contracts in preference to strong American rivals.

The biggest order was for 21 Nimrod 2000 maritime patrol aircraft, worth about £2 billion, which will be made by British Aerospace in partnership with about 200 other companies, including Rolls-Royce, GEC, Racal, Smiths Industries, Short Brothers of Belfast and the American company Boeing.

Nimrod 2000 will be a refurbished version of the present Nimrod with new wings and new mission systems. The main rival to Nimrod was the American Orion 2000, a new version of the Orion P3, built by Lockheed Martin.

Ministry of Defence officials said the Nimrod order would sustain 2,600 jobs. However, British Aerospace claimed 10,000 direct and indirect jobs would be either created or sustained, including 5,300 in the North, 850 in the Midlands, 2,250 in the South, 500 in Scotland, 1,200 in Wales and 200 in Northern Ireland.

The Nimrod 2000, which will be capable of long-range, long-lasting anti-submarine patrols as well as search and rescue operations, is due to come into service in 2002.

One of the key last-minute developments that wrapped up the contract for British Aerospace was the decision to include GEC as one of the principal partners. GEC was already due to play a minor role in supplying some of the equipment for Nimrod 2000, such as the towed radar decoy and rear crew training system. However, GEC's main involvement in the maritime patrol aircraft contract was with the rival Orion 2000.

Last week ministers told British Aerospace that GEC must be given a bigger role and after frantic meetings it was agreed that GEC should team with Boeing in developing the mission system. MoD officials acknowledged yesterday that details of this new partnership had still to be worked out and the contract for the Nimrod order is not expected to be finalised until later this year.

The bigger involvement of GEC in the Nimrod offer finally sunk the rival Lockheed Martin/GEC Marconi proposal. Lockheed sought a 90-day postponement so that it could produce a lower bid but the MoD refused.

The two other orders are for a conventionally armed stand-off missile (Casom), worth £800 million, and an anti-armour weapon system, worth £700 million. Both will be carried by the RAF's Tornados, Harriers and the next generation combat aircraft, the Eurofighter 2000.

Again, Mr Portillo chose the British/European option instead of the American one, although, as MoD officials said, all the bids were "international", with each one having overseas companies partnered with British firms.

The Casom order was awarded to British Aerospace Dynamics, which is partnered with the French company Matra. Their missile, Storm Shadow, is a development of Matra's Apache system.

For British Aerospace it was vital to win the Casom contract because it plans to merge its missile business with Matra and the success of this would have been undermined had Mr Portillo chosen an American missile. President Chirac of France has been promoting the Storm Shadow bid — most recently, it is alleged, in a phone call to John Major — as a strong supporter of the British Aerospace/Matra merger.

Storm Shadow will provide the RAF with a cruise missile system which will be launched 200-300 miles from the target and be capable of destroying a hardened bunker. The need for such a weapon was one of the main lessons learnt from the Gulf War. The development of Storm Shadow, which will be in service in 2001, will create at least 1,600 jobs in Scotland and England.

The anti-armour weapon will be the Brimstone system developed by GEC Marconi Dynamics and based on the American Hellfire weapon. Brimstone will also be in service by 2001 and the contract will sustain about 700 jobs throughout the country.

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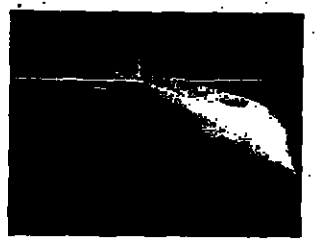
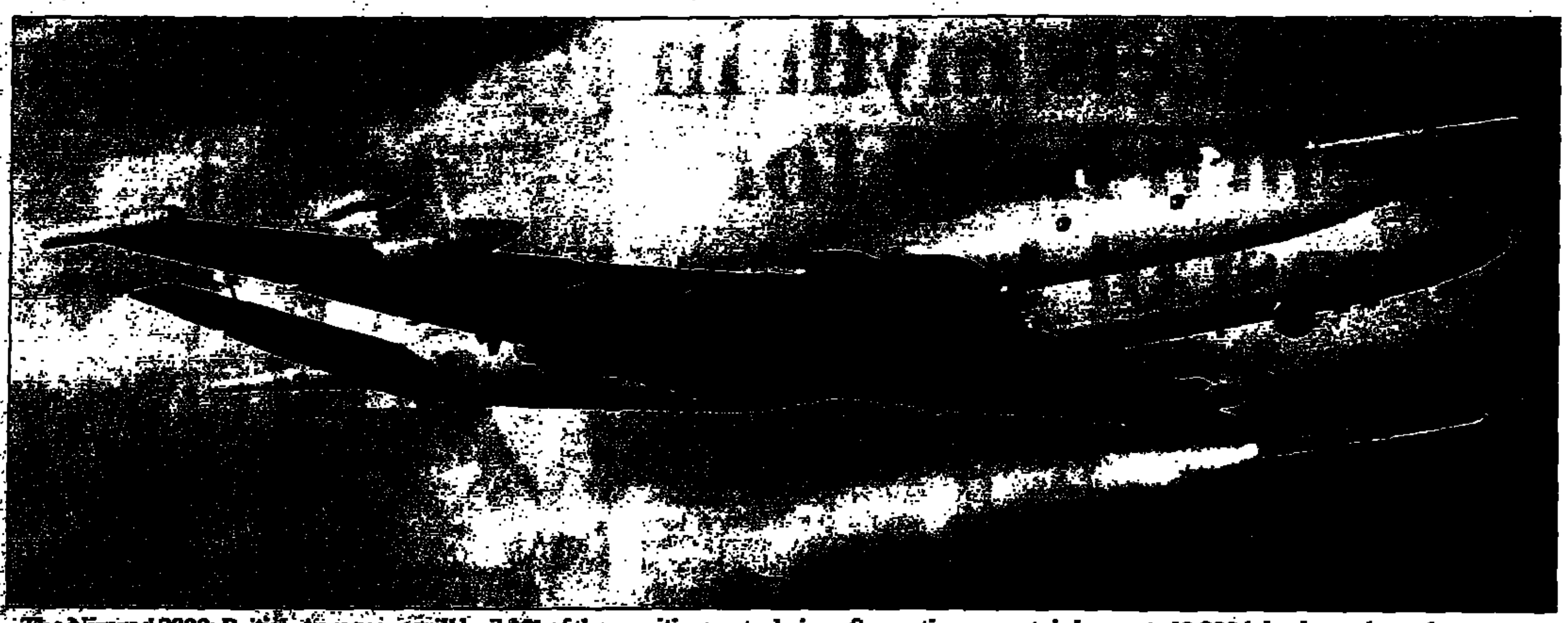

Storm Shadow: cruise missile for the RAF


The Nimrod 2000: British Aerospace will build 21 of the maritime patrol aircraft, creating or sustaining up to 10,000 jobs throughout the country

BAe suppliers are jubilant

By Oliver August

THE "ripple down" effect of the RAF equipment orders will benefit entire communities surrounding defence contractors.

British Aerospace in Warton, where parts of the Nimrod aircraft will be built, is a perfect example. Defence contractors at the Consortium of Lancashire Aerospace, which comprises 100 local BAe suppliers, were in a jubilant mood yesterday.

One of its members, Steve Hollis, the managing director of Cleveland-Guest, was confident that the contracts awarded to BAe will swell employment throughout the county, which is one of Britain's major aerospace centres.

"It's a feature of the aerospace industry that it has so many sub-tiers," he said. "We were part of a bid team for one of the missiles. Unfortunately we didn't get it but we are glad about the BAe contract because as suppliers it will benefit us indirectly."

Once Mr Hollis has exchanged contracts with BAe for the Nimrod project, he will sub-contract the painting and surface work on his machines, creating yet more jobs.

The same pattern is repeated across Britain. The Tory MP Phil Gallie, in whose Ayr constituency BAe-Prestwick is located, said that yesterday's announcement was good news not only for workers at the facility but also for many small businesses in Ayrshire.

But Chris Tolago of Racal, which will build the radar for Nimrod 2000, gave warning that the job creation would not be instantaneous. "The negotiations with suppliers haven't started yet because the guys who won the contract have been in the pub since the MoD made the announcement."

Portillo can celebrate — his successor will pick up the bill

Michael Portillo was entitled to look delighted outside 10 Downing Street yesterday as he announced three big defence orders. Thanks to Michael Heseltine and the pressures of pre-election politics, he was able to see off the Treasury's desire to delay the announcement of the orders. Hence, he was able to please the Armed Forces, the sizeable defence lobby on the Tory benches, and the arms procurement industry. But Mr Portillo will not be Defence Secretary when the bills have to be paid and the contradictions between defence commitments and resources have to be sorted out.

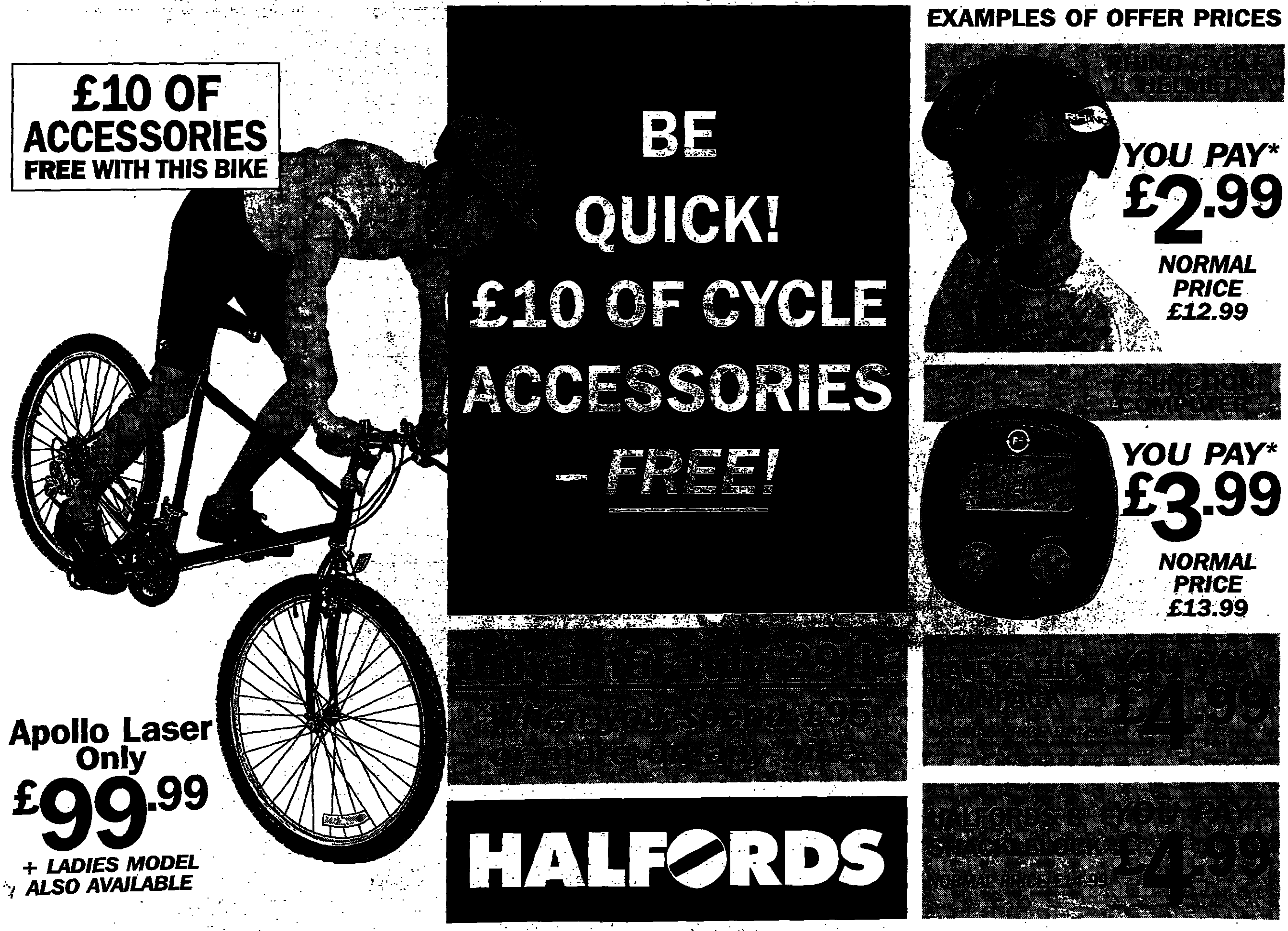
The story is not nearly as simple as it appears. What was not said is as significant as what was said. The key, as always, is money. Going back over a century, the Treasury has always argued that that savings can be found from the defence budget. Since the end of the Cold War, it has kept up the pressure on the Ministry of Defence, as reflected in the *Options for Change* exercise and the commitment to switch resources from support to combat activities in *Front Line First*. Last November, defence spending was cut by £500 million below previous plans for this financial year and by £400 million for next year. This has already produced serious strains, particularly as a result of the Bosnia commitment, even after taking account of the controversial sale of married quarters. The Defence Committee warned in its report on the estimates on Wednesday against any further reductions.

The Treasury has been keen to take another look at the defence budget and has therefore been very wary of deciding on new orders. Kenneth Clarke wanted the orders to be considered as part of the annual Cabinet review of spending plans so that no announcements should be made now. Mr Portillo argued for an early decision for defence and industrial reasons. In particular, the announcement now of the order of Storm Shadow missiles should cement the recently announced merger of the missile businesses of British Aeropsace and Matra of France. In an uncanny echo of the arguments over a European or American future for Westland helicopters in early 1986, Mr Heseltine seems to have been particularly influenced by the case that announcing the orders now could assist the restructuring of the European arms industry. His intervention late on Wednesday forced Mr Clarke to accept that the orders would have to be made now, rather than later.

However, Mr Portillo has not won the increase in his budget that he wanted to finance the orders. Indeed, the Treasury insists that the Cabinet has accepted that defence spending should be no higher for the next few years than was announced in last November's Budget. In that sense, yesterday's announcement is a battle deferred. Of course, relatively little will be spent on the orders in the short term and the cost will be stretched out over several years. But, as the Defence Committee made clear, there is already no room for manoeuvre in the defence budget.

What the Government has done, as so often in the past, is to announce big job-saving defence orders before an election and leave until later awkward questions of how they will be financed. Questions about how to reconcile Tory ambitions to "enhance the fighting strength of the Armed Forces" and to contain public spending have been deferred. Whoever is Defence Secretary in a year will have a hard time from the Treasury, whoever is Chancellor. David Clark, Shadow Defence Secretary, will be well aware how Gordon Brown further strengthened his control and power base in yesterday's Shadow Cabinet reshuffle. The defence world should celebrate while it can. It will not last.

Peter Riddell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Fact meets myth in French hunt for Beast of Larzac

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LARZAC

French hunters on the plateau of Larzac, in the Massif Central, prepare to track down a wolf blamed for the death of more than 60 sheep

A European wolf

IN A scene straight out of French rural history, hundreds of men carrying staves, knives and guns assembled on a plateau in southern France this week to hunt a wolf, the most feared animal in the nation's folklore.

The Beast of Larzac, the wild and mountainous region in the Massif Central, has killed more than 60 sheep since May, spreading fear among the locals and reviving myths that are deeply embedded in the collective memory.

Some say there is not a lone wolf but a pack, others that the beast is a feral canine hybrid. Several of the grizzled farmers who gathered at the military base south of Millau this week reported seeing their quarry loping across the land or hearing it howl at night.

Veterinary experts who examined dead sheep confirm that a wolf is to blame — either one that escaped from a nature park or an animal raised as a domestic pet and then released into the wild in a region which relies on sheep-rearing to produce Roquefort cheese.

Wolves are officially extinct in France but this month, after repeated attempts to trap the animal failed, the Minister for the Environment granted a special dispensation to allow a full-scale wolf hunt for the first time this century.

As Captain Philippe Durand of the gendarmerie marshalled his hunters early on Wednesday, the odds appeared to be heavily stacked against the beast. The wolf found a defender in Brigitte Bardot, the former actress and animal welfare campaigner, who offered a £1,300 reward if it was captured unharmed. But ranged against the animal were some 300 heavily armed farmers, policemen, soldiers, national guardsman, a team from the Government's Office of Hunting and a brace of firemen.

"Today's objectives are clear: at best we must capture the beast, at worst it must be destroyed," declared the captain, resplendent in khaki battle dress and a blue képi. The Office of Hunting provided special wolf-capturing equipment including a padded body-suit with gloves and mask, tranquilliser darts and a lasso.

Captain Durand's tactics were simple: to mount a sort of pheasant drive with teeth, in which beaters carrying staves would advance in formation through the undergrowth and try to force the wolf towards the line of waiting gunmen.

"This is a dangerous animal, but it will attack out of fear rather than aggression," the captain told the beaters, mostly young soldiers wearing green fatigues and red T-shirts who did seem overly reassured by the advice as they plunged into the tangled brush.

Robert Calazel, a bearded, strapping figure who might have emerged from an 18th-century woodcut depicting peasant life, has lost several sheep to the wolf of Larzac. "This time we will get him," he observed grimly. That view was not borne out by ensuing events. A group of beaters went astray in the undergrowth and nearly blundered into the firing line.

As the temperature on the plateau rose from hot to roasting, disputes erupted between the various services involved, and the captain wilted under his képi. Jokes about Mme Bardot became increasingly off-colour. The firemen sloped off for lunch. "Wolf-hunting doesn't appear in the training manuals," muttered Under-Prefect Jean-Yves Chiaro, overseeing the operation.

A rumour went round that a "shot" had been fired. But this turned out to be a soldier whacking his stave against a tree. The wolf was spotted to the south, before transforming into a wild boar. By nightfall, the hunters had slogged through some ten square miles of rocks and brush, without a single sighting of the predator. As they trudged back to their cars, one whiskered veteran remarked: "You have to have special eyesight to spot a wolf, sometimes it is just a shadow. They are the devil's creatures."

Such thoughts are an atavistic throwback to a harsher time when man battled the wolf for survival through harsh winters and drought-stricken summers.

For centuries wolves, both real and imaginary, have run through the core of French rural mythology and, like the shadowy beast preying on the sheep of Larzac, they are running still.

£16m plan for tunnel to Paris fountains

BY BEN MACINTYRE

TWO French entrepreneurs have developed plans for a pedestrian tunnel under the Place de la Concorde in Paris as a showcase for art and fashion that would also enable visitors to appreciate the fountains in the middle of the traffic-choked square without danger to life and limb.

Ten million tourists visit the Concorde every year, but to get to the central island's obelisk and fountains — the main one was completed in 1840 — they must first run the gauntlet of motorists who tend to regard zebra crossings merely as decoration.

The proposed tunnel, the brainchild of Eric Naon, an economist, and Marc Pauzié, an art historian, is part of a plan to restore decayed fountains, known as the "Fountains of Seas and Rivers". To negotiate the surrounding sea of traffic, the tunnel would stretch 250 yards from the Tuileries gardens to the Champs-Elysées, with an exit next to the fountains.

Jean-Michel Wilmotte, an architect, has produced draft plans for a 30ft-wide tunnel which would double as a subterranean art museum and fashion gallery. The nearby museums holding exhibitions could also show paintings in the tunnel as an aperitif to the main attraction.

Building the tunnel would cost an estimated Fr120 million (£16 million). M Naon and M Pauzié say they hope to raise two thirds of the cash from private companies, including Paris fashion houses which could use the tunnel as an underground display case for haute couture.

André Ghonon, a spokesman for the Paris Mayor's office, told *Libération* that the idea was innovative, adding: "It is one thing to say it and another to do it."

Next week, a French commercial court will decide the fate of Eurotunnel unless the Anglo-French operator of the Channel Tunnel can come to a refinancing agreement with its 225 banks over payments on a £8.4 billion debt.

The Government and French businesses are understandably wary of committing themselves to building any more large tunnels at the moment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Death at Ukraine reactor

Kiev: Two accidents in three hours have hit one of Ukraine's five nuclear power stations, killing a man, causing contamination and creating fresh worries about safety, ten years after the Chernobyl disaster.

Viktor Stovbun, a senior official at Ukraine's nuclear power authority, Derzhkomatom, said a worker died of burns and other injuries when a pipe carrying steam broke and struck him on Wednesday at the Khmelnitsky station, 180 miles west of Kiev.

Then, leaking water contaminated a nitrogen storage area. The second incident rated one on the zero-to-seven international scale of nuclear "events". The reactor is closed for maintenance. *(Reuter)*

Refugees 'doped'

Madrid: Spain has deported 103 refugees, mainly Africans, and secretly used a sedative to make them easier to expel in a blatant disregard for human rights, Amnesty International claimed. *(AP)*

Suspects held

Potsdam: Two more men were arrested in connection with the June 16 attack by suspected neo-Nazis on black Britons, the state attorney's office said. Another man was charged this week. *(AP)*

Klaus wins vote

Prague: The Czech Republic's new minority Government, led by Vaclav Klaus, won a confidence vote in parliament, ending three weeks' uncertainty and allowing the coalition to launch legislation. *(AFP)*

Spain pay freeze

Madrid: Government employees' wages will be frozen next year to help to reduce Spain's deficit and meet requirements for joining the European currency, an Economy Ministry official said. *(AP)*

End of the line

Moscow: Passenger and freight trains on the Trans-Siberian railway, Russia's oldest and longest line, were halted when electricity was cut because of non-payment of £6 million in bills. *(AFP)*

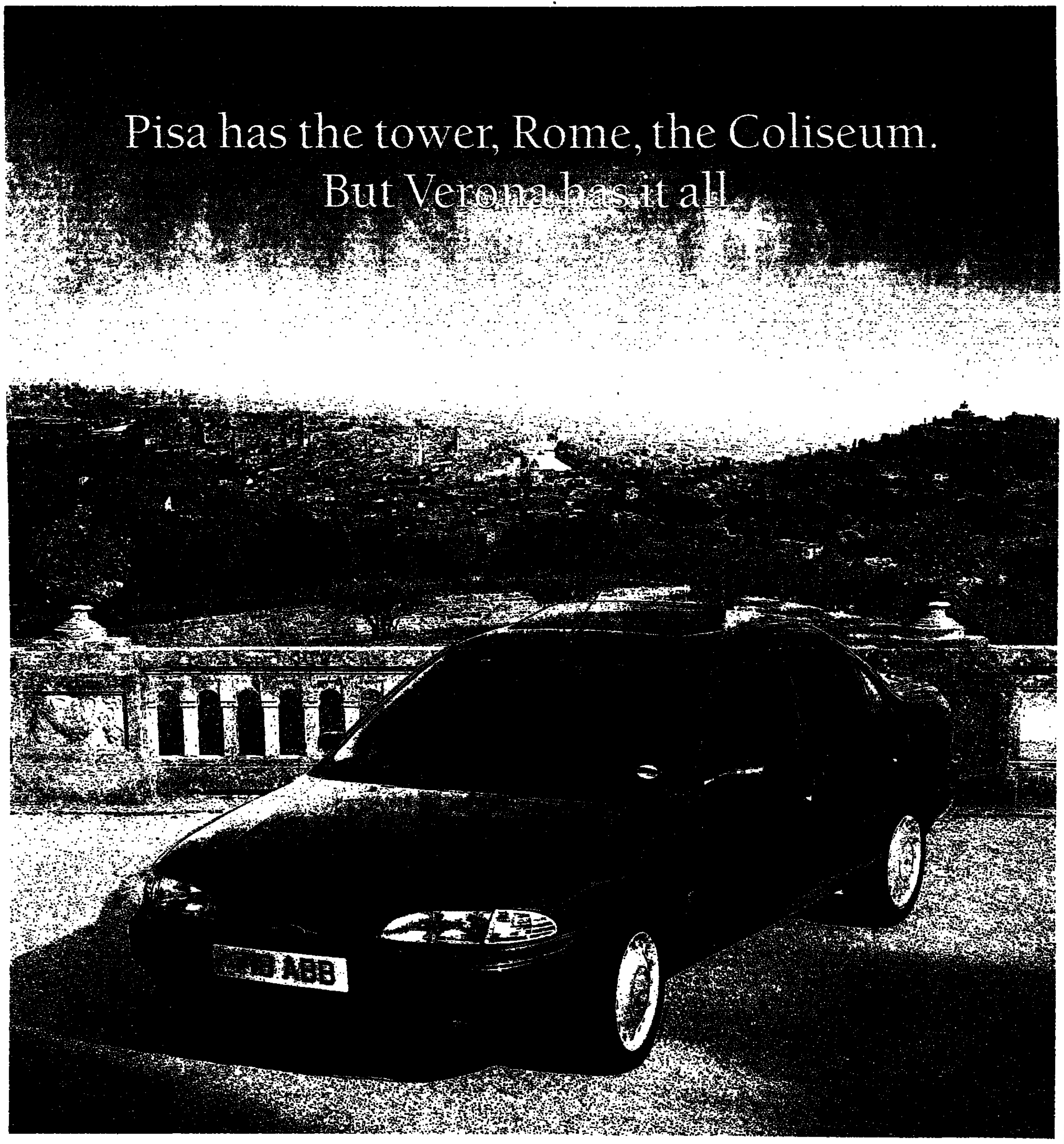
Princess Caroline wins £78,000 in libel case

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

Princess Caroline: took action against magazine

PRINCESS CAROLINE of Monaco won DM180,000 (£78,000) yesterday in a libel action against the German magazine *Bunte*.

Princess Caroline had appealed against a DM30,000 award by a lower court over an "interview" in *Bunte* which told of her "hate of the world and search for happiness". *Bunte* also printed a photograph of her, her son and a friend with the caption, "I have a family once again". Princess Caroline said the article was inaccurate.



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'Israel wants to get out of Lebanon provided we could guarantee the security'

Netanyahu offers peace if Hezbollah gives up arms

Israel's Prime Minister is in confident mood despite the bickering within his coalition. Christopher Walker reports from Jerusalem

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's right-wing Prime Minister, threw down a peace challenge to President Assad of Syria yesterday by offering to pull his occupying troops out of southern Lebanon in exchange for peace along the northern Israeli border, to be guaranteed by the disarming of Hezbollah (the Party of God).

The far-reaching plan, known as Lebanon First, was first outlined in an interview with *The Times* and later spelt out privately to Dennis Ross, the US peace envoy, who was in Syria this week.

"Both countries have a vested interest in building confidence towards the ultimate resolution of the Syrian-Israeli dispute," Mr Netanyahu told me. "I think Lebanon is a good place to start resolving that dispute."

He emphasised that rather than any specified period of calm in Galilee being necessary to persuade him to pull out the estimated 2,500 Israeli troops, assurance was vital that Hezbollah could no longer attack. "This is a matter not of declarations, but capabilities," he said. "Any settlement must remove the capability of Hezbollah, or at the very least disarm it, as all the other militias in Lebanon have been disarmed."

Sipping iced tea and brimming with assurance despite continued wrangling among religious parties inside his hardline coalition, Israel's youngest Prime Minister also disclosed plans for his first official trip to Europe, in September. The visit takes in France, Germany and probably Britain and Ireland in Ireland's term holding the presidency of the European Union. "Europe will have an important role in creating a different climate in the Middle East towards peace," he said.

Mr Netanyahu acknowledged with a degree of satisfaction that, although his Government had been in office barely 30 days, he had already confounded many of the sceptics who had "demonised" his position and stilled some of the initial panic-stricken reaction in the Arab world, which was convinced that his narrow defeat of Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, would return the region to conflict.

"Every time I meet foreign leaders, they are sort of taken by surprise that I mean what I say. And once they understand that, they usually feel a sense of relief that there is actually going to be genuine progress, albeit careful and guarded, which is what I was elected to do," the Likud leader said. "It is not a tactic, it is the substance of our position."

The 46-year-old Prime Minister described for the first time the importance of his meeting in Cairo last week with President Mubarak, whose warmth surprised even Egyptian officials.

"It was important because it served to acquaint us with each other, and even more importantly it brought home the message that what we seek is genuine progress based on reciprocity," he said. "And that reciprocity is not a trick to stall progress, but a method to achieve it."

Mr Netanyahu had harsh words for those on the Right, including senior members of his own party, who have criticised his decision this week to sanction the start of ministerial-level talks with the Palestinian leader, Yassir Arafat, who met David Levy, the Foreign Minister, in Gaza on Tuesday.

"I find both on the Right and on the Left, there is this inability to take our words at face value," Mr Netanyahu complained. "It is assumed that always, somewhere, there is a trick. We were not elected to stop the peace process, we were elected to improve it: to negotiate better, to insist on security, to build a more solid framework of relationships than just empty declarations of peace that do not materialise themselves in practical life.

"We want a peace without buses exploding, and we mean that. We expect the Palestinian side to fulfil their obligations on security. They did not in the past, but I think there is a better chance they will do it now."

He acknowledged that mutual distrust between Israel and Syria was high and exacerbated by his Government's refusal to abandon sovereignty over the occupied Golan Heights. He offered the Lebanon First initiative as an important step towards restoring the type of confidence needed for resolution of the overall dispute.

It was bizarre, he argued forcefully, that President Assad should want him to sit down to negotiate over Golan with the result of the talks already a foregone conclusion. "The whole point of negotiations is about how to resolve competing views, and not to pre-determine the outcome.

"It remains to be seen whether Syria genuinely wants us to withdraw from Lebanon [where Syria has 40,000 occupying troops]. If it does, I do not see a particular problem to facilitate it," Mr Netanyahu said, speaking of the Israeli-occupied buffer zone that has been in existence since 1985.

He added, in what diplomatic observers later described as an unexpected ray of hope in what had seemed a bleak future for any impending resumption of stalled Israeli-Syrian negotiations: "It is perfectly possible to arrive at an understanding [about occupied southern Lebanon]. Syria and Lebanon say they want Israel out of Lebanon. Israel wants to get out of Lebanon provided we could guarantee the security of our northern settlements."

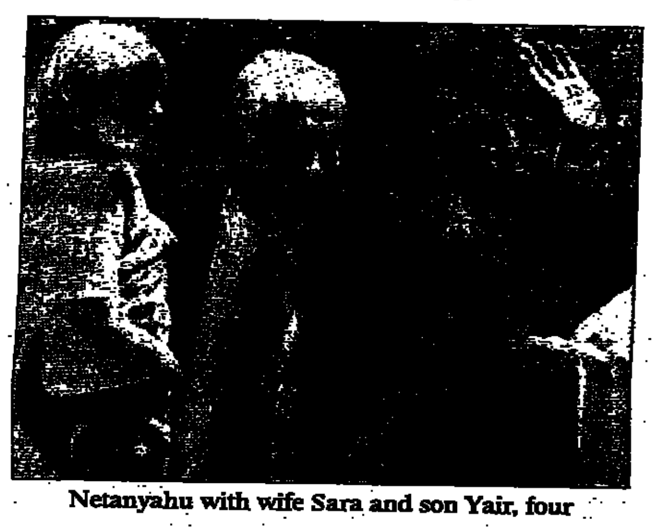
Pressed on details of the scheme, which would be popular with an Israeli public anxious about the continuing loss of life among its young soldiers in Lebanon, Mr Netanyahu responded: "If the threat against our northern border were removed, we have absolutely no reason to be in Lebanon. We do not covet an inch of Lebanese territory, we do not have any aspirations regarding Lebanon, we have only one desire — that is, to safeguard our security."

Looking remarkably relaxed despite the early criticism heaped on him and more particularly his third wife Sara, by left-of-centre Israeli media, Mr Netanyahu spoke proudly of the skill with which his wife had so far performed her public functions. He brushed off the furore over "Nannygate", which has already subsided. It was noticeable that his otherwise austere office was dominated by smiling family portraits.

"They talked of a honeymoon period, 100 days of grace. I will settle for just one day," he joked, claiming — a fact confirmed by aides — that he remains thick-skinned as far as press comment goes.

"I glance at the papers myself. No one offers me a digested version," the Prime Minister said. "I would not be in this position if I took to heart everything that is said about me. I would have melted away long ago."

I left reflecting on the conclusion which was reached this week by one of the top columnists in Israel, Yoel Marcus, in *Haaretz*: "Not everyone knows Netanyahu, and no-one knows what he is made of — but one thing is certain: he did not do what he did, did not win his victory, did not achieve his post, to blow his career and lead the State towards hell."



Netanyahu with wife Sara and son Yair, four

Binyamin Netanyahu: "Foreign leaders usually feel a sense of relief that there is going to be progress"

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Leader rejects blame for assassination of Rabin

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

FOR THE first time since taking office, Binyamin Netanyahu spoke passionately about Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister gunned down by a right-wing extremist.

"Rabin's assassination was one of the great tragedies of modern Israel, and one that exposed a fault line that runs through our society," said Mr Netanyahu, who was elected to the premiership in May by a narrow majority.

"The crossing of that line was a tremendous trauma which was immediately and instinctively healed by the coalescing of all parts of Israeli society against this outrage."

The Prime Minister, whose own personal security is now probably more rigorous than that surrounding any world leader, passionately criticised those on the Left who had tried to apportion blame for the killing on the Right as a whole, rather than on the "mad, solitary figure" who did the shooting.

"The attempt to lay the blame on the opposition like me did not find an echo throughout broad segments of society. In fact, it was a very dangerous precedent because it said you cannot disagree, you cannot argue vehemently in case some madman may share your views and may act," Mr Netanyahu said in a reference to his attacks on Rabin's peace policies while in opposition.

Mr Netanyahu argued that the critics had failed dangerously to distinguish between the views of the gunman, 25, and his "savage" actions on the night of November 4 last year.

"This attempt to use the assassination to de-legitimise half of Israeli society was a very dangerous precedent," he said. "It was the mirror image of the assassination itself. Israeli society showed itself quite mature, it shunned the assassination and equally shunned the attempt to de-legitimise the opposition because of it."

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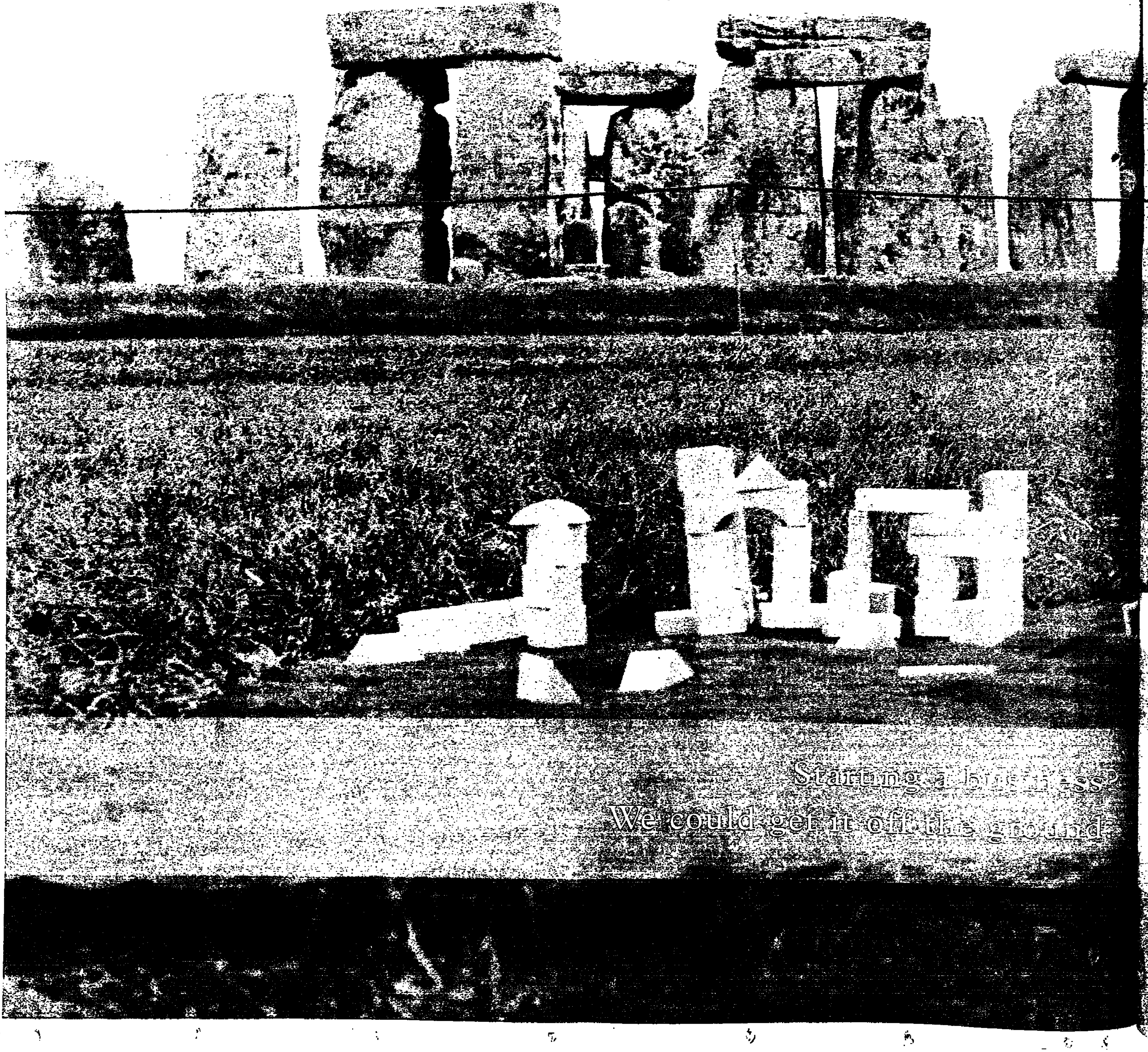

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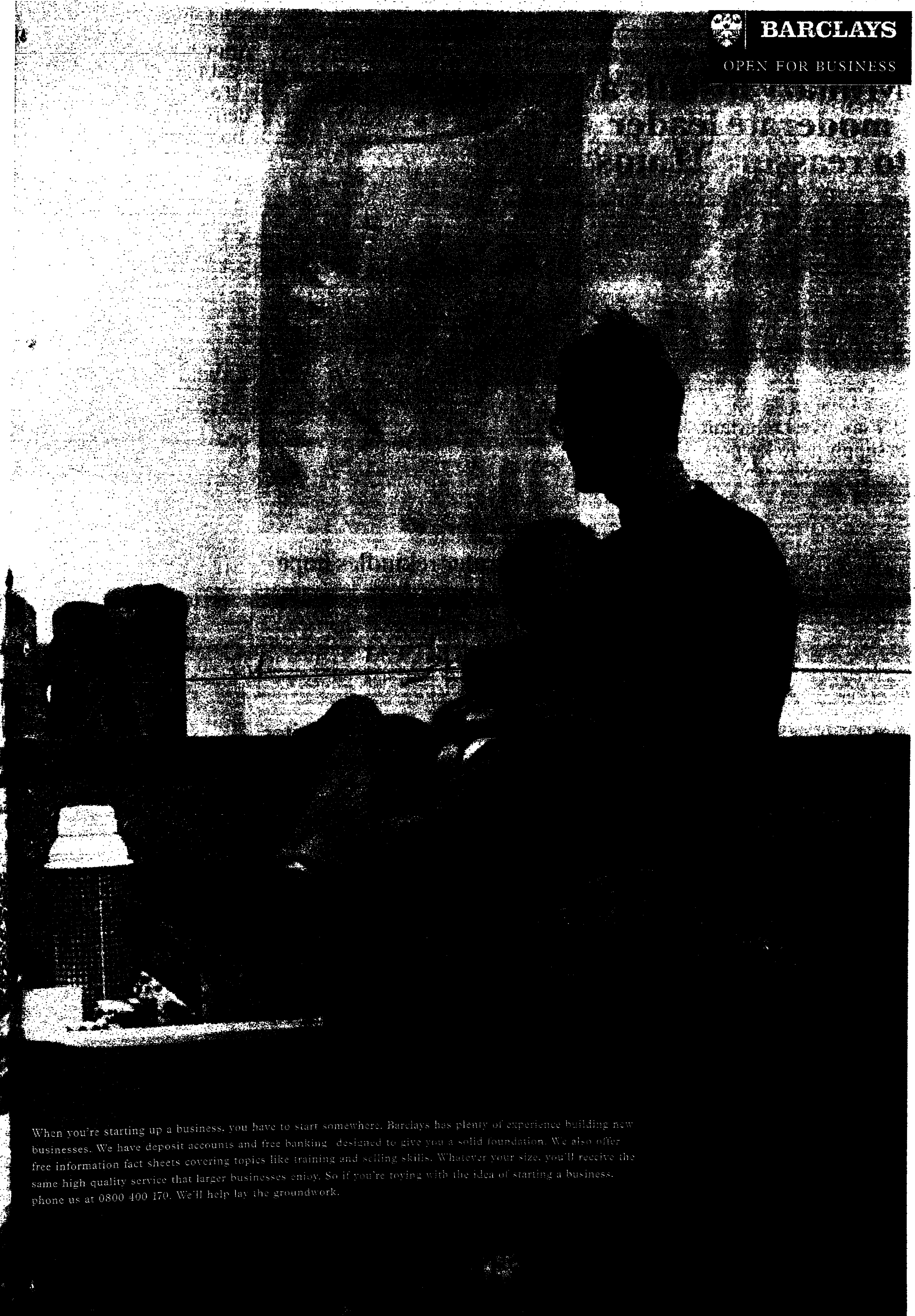

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Burundian capital under siege as resistance to coup builds up

Military installs a moderate leader to reassure Hutus

FROM SAM KILEY IN BUJUMBURA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Burundian Army yesterday deposed the Hutu President and announced the installation of Pierre Buyoya, a moderate Tutsi, as transitional head of state, in what appeared to have been a bloodless coup.

Colonel Firmin Sinzoyiheba, the Defence Minister, announced that Mr Buyoya, an ex-President who quit after losing elections to a Hutu rival in 1993, would take over the former Belgian colony until elections could be held.

However, the United Nations said yesterday its special representative had reported that Hutu extremists had decided to retaliate against the Tutsi-led coup by laying siege to the two largest cities. Chinmaya Gharekhan, a senior UN official, said that the National Council for the Defence of Democracy, the Hutu opposition movement, had launched a raid in the south of the country and planned to besiege Bujumbura and Gitega, the second city. He said that the capital had been cut off with "roadblocks all over the place".

He added: "Apparently, their tactic is to starve these two cities into submission and thereby affect the situation in the country as a whole."

Marc Faguy, the UN representative, had met President Ntibantunganya, the deposed leader, in his refuge at the American Ambassador's residence. He said that Mr Ntibantunganya had no intention of resigning. Nineteen other Hutu ministers, including Veneral Bakevyumusaya, the Foreign Secretary, were in hiding at the home of the German Ambassador. Colonel Sinzoyiheba banned all political parties and dissolved the national assembly, but the task of bringing frightened Hutus into the political process now falls to the transitional President. Mr Ntibantunganya was told in radio broadcasts that it was safe for him to return home, but one of the ministers in hiding said: "They will be waiting to slaughter us."

By late yesterday afternoon, Bujumbura was silent after the army issued orders to all civilians to get off the streets, moments after Hutu traders in the central market were targeted in a grenade attack. Hutus, who have been forced to live in the forests on the hills surrounding the capital since last year, scuttled back to safety, leaving the city in the hands of the Tutsi minority. The army closed Burundi's borders and airports, and all routes leading out of the capital, cut international telephone links, and imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

The appointment of Mr Buyoya, a former major who took power in a coup in 1989, was clearly an attempt to appoint a Tutsi head of state who would be acceptable to the Hutus, who make up 85 per cent of the population. His credibility stems from his acceptance of the election of Melchior Nadadye, who was murdered in a failed coup three months into his tenure.

But 5,000 Tutsi youths yesterday paraded through the capital shouting anti-Buyoya slogans, angry at the appointment of a man they see as having sold out to Hutus bent on annihilating Tutsis.

Salim Ahmed Salim, the Organisation of African Unity's Secretary-General, issued an unusually belligerent statement before the coup, saying that any attempt to take power illegally would be met by force. But the quiet appointment of Mr Buyoya may allow the OAU to avoid sending peacekeepers to a country where 150,000 have died in violence since 1993.

UN says West reluctant to supply peacekeepers

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations is struggling to assemble a 20,000-strong multinational force to establish buffer zones and "safe areas" in Burundi if genocide breaks out.

Senior UN officials complain that the main Western countries able to mount large-scale military intervention have shown no political will to provide troops. So far only six African countries — Chad, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia — have said they will risk their soldiers to prevent an ethnic bloodbath between Burundi's rival Tutsi and Hutu tribes.

"We have to move very quickly before everything blows up in our faces," said Kofi Annan, head of UN peacekeeping. "As it is, history will judge us rather severely for Rwanda. What we need is the political will to act."

UN peacekeeping planners said last year that the Great Lakes region, which saw about one million people killed in Rwanda in 1994, was teetering on the edge of a new genocide. Officials have been trying since March to put together an international force to head off new massacres.

Of 87 countries approached for troops, however, only 17 responded and five of the responses were negative. No major Western nation offered troops, although some, like Britain and the United States, promised logistical support.

"The nations that have the armies, the rapid-reaction capability, the logistics, are First World democracies and their national interest is not at stake in Africa," said one senior UN official.

"This is a situation where you have to go in in combat mode, and that means you are running risks."

Pierre Buyoya, a former President, is the new man at the helm in Burundi

Tutsi ruler rekindles hope

BY MARK HUBAND

THE military coup which brought Pierre Buyoya, Burundi's former military President, back to power in the strife-torn Central African country is the most promising sign in a bleak picture.

While reports portray him as a Tutsi "strongman", he is far from being so. The military regime Major Buyoya ran between 1987 and 1993 marked a watershed in Burundian politics, by first overthrowing the radical Tutsi dictator, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, in 1987, and opening up the field to multiparty democracy seven years later.

Major Buyoya held elections in 1993 knowing his Uprona Party, which draws its main support from the minority Tutsis, would lose because of the tribal make-up of the political parties. But, rare among military leaders, he accepted defeat by the country's first Hutu President, Melchior Ndadaye, and retired to a modest villa on the the edge of Bujumbura.

Yesterday's coup, in the absence of any rapid decisions with regard to foreign intervention in Burundi, is the best thing that could have happened in the circumstances. What is now required is time for the new regime to prove that national unity and peace really can be achieved. Few believe it can.

Appeal for calm as Tamils deny train bombing

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DEHIWALA

THE Sri Lankan Government urged the nation to be calm yesterday after a calamitous week of killings that could threaten a Sinhalese backlash against the Tamil minority.

The death toll from Wednesday's bomb attack on a packed commuter train near Colombo, the capital, rose to more than 70 — most of them young, including some children.

The Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), denied responsibility. In a statement from its London office, it accused the Government of trying to whip up anti-Tamil emotions by blaming them. "It is not the policy of the LTTE to attack civilian targets," it said.

Police and forensic scientists continued to pick through the twisted metal of the train for clues last night. Belongings were scattered around two shattered carriages and torn, bloodstained clothes of the dead and injured littered the platform of Dehiwala station, seven miles south of Colombo, and along the grass bank beside the track. Last night the Government announced compensation of 10,000 rupees (£125) to the families of those killed.

In a nationwide address, President Kumaratunga appealed to people not to "fall prey to the scheming tactics" of the Tigers, whose aim, she said, was to provoke an ethnic backlash.

☐ **Rebels accused:** The Tigers inflict a huge amount of suffering on Tamil civilians, according to a group of moderate Tamil university teachers who have been forced into hiding for fear of reprisals from the guerrillas (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

In a damning report, University Teachers for Human Rights says that Tamil civilians are coerced into paying the Tigers money that they cannot afford, and that children are lured away from schools against their parents' wishes, to fight.

Kumaratunga: warning against backlash

NEWS IN BRIEF

Death toll rises to six in Turkish jail fast

Istanbul: Three more hunger strikers died yesterday in Turkish jails, bringing the toll this week to six (Andrew Finkel writes). Nearly 300 prisoners were refusing all nourishment last night as the ten-week protest over prison conditions worsened.

Sevket Kazan, Turkey's Minister of Justice, said the Government had made concessions. He said many prisoners now had weapons. The hunger-strikers' main demand is that a high-security prison known as "the coffin", in the city of Eskisehir, should be shut down.

In one of his first acts as a new minister this month, Mr Kazan suspended the transfer of prisoners to Eskisehir. He has refused, however, to close the jail, which he describes as "being well above European standards".

Hijacker seized in Algeria

Rabat: Algerian security forces yesterday overpowered an armed hijacker who held 232 passengers hostage for six hours on board an Air Algérie flight at Oran airport in western Algeria (Mark Huband writes). State television said nobody was harmed. It is not known if the man was linked to Algeria's Islamic militant movement, which hijacked an Air France plane to Marseilles in 1994.

Mass grave find

Lisbon: A mine-clearing team in Kwanda, northern Angola, has exhumed hundreds of skeletons, many with bullet holes, from a mass grave at a former army camp, according to reports. *(AP)*

Biko rejection

Johannesburg: South Africa's Constitutional Court rejected an attempt by the family of Steve Biko, the murdered anti-apartheid activist, to prevent his killers being pardoned if they confess. *(Reuter)*

Harsh penalty

Tehran: Thieves in Iran will lose four fingers on their right hand for a first offence under the country's new penal code. Repeat offenders face the amputation of toes or the death penalty. *(AFP)*

Breaking in

Copenhagen: A jailed Danish motorbike gang leader is recovering in hospital after unidentified attackers shot him in his cell after breaking into a jail, then escaping after throwing a grenade. *(Reuter)*

Opposition unites to force out Bhutto

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

THE Government of Benazir Bhutto faces the most serious threat yet to its survival as an alliance of 15 leading opposition political parties prepares to launch a nationwide movement against the 33-month-old administration.

The alliance led by the former Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, said yesterday that it would use all means to oust the Government and strive for fresh elections under a neutral caretaker administration. The opposition leaders, who met in Islamabad, called on President Leghari to fulfil his constitutional obligation and dismiss what they described as a corrupt and inept Government.

Significantly, the opposition move has come at a time when Pakistan is experiencing its worst recession for two decades and the country's economic life has been crippled by a series of strikes by traders, industrialists and transporters over the past four weeks. The imposition of £800 million in additional taxes last month has triggered widespread public outrage and worsened an already volatile political situation. Three people were killed and several were wounded when the police opened fire at an anti-tax demonstration in Rawalpindi last month. Mass protests have also gripped other main cities.

The newly formed opposition alliance hopes to exploit the increasing public discontent to strike at the beleaguered Government.

High taxes are not likely to extricate the country from its worst financial crisis and most economists predict economic collapse by September or October, when Pakistan is required to pay more than £300 million in foreign debt servicing. The situation seems to have worsened because the International Monetary Fund is reluctant to come to Pakistan's aid.

The deteriorating law and order situation has added to Miss Bhutto's predicament. A series of bomb explosions, which rocked the country's biggest province of Punjab and killed more than 80 people since the beginning of the year, has shaken the Government.

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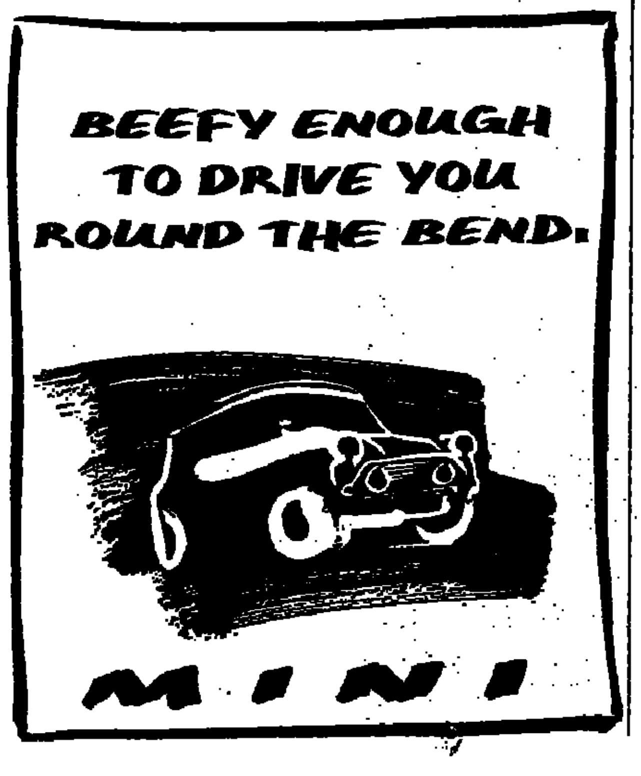

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Breakthrough as divers salvage data recorders

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AN investigation into the crash of TWA Flight 800 was close to a breakthrough last night as experts in Washington examined the aircraft's "black boxes", which were finally recovered by divers 100ft down off the coast of Long Island yesterday.

The flight data and cockpit voice recorders are seen as the best hope yet in solving the mystery of last week's crash in which all 230 passengers and crew were killed.

The crash appeared to have ripped the end off the dented and scratched data recorder, exposing a handful of torn and dangling wires. "There was moderate damage, but we've seen much worse than this," said Dr Bernard Loeb of the National Transportation Safety Board. "The tapes are being dried in our laboratories and are in good condition. We hope to have some information by the end of the day."

The voice recorder, designed to preserve up to 30 minutes of cockpit conversation, may indicate whether the crew knew of any problem before tragedy struck. For its part, the data recorder is designed to log altitude, speed and engine information for up to 25 hours and could reveal the presence of a mechanical failure.

Investigators in Washington were cautious about what would be found. In the final analysis, they said, the two bright red cases may hold less than one second's worth of data.

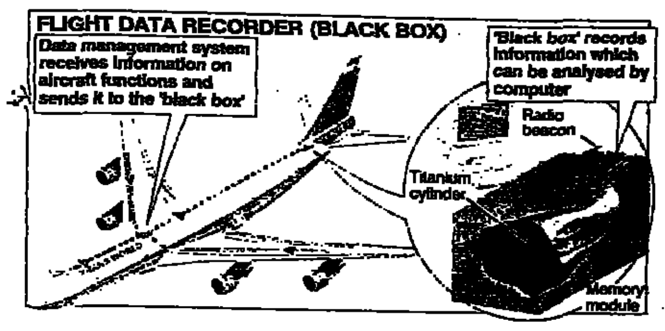
The early failure of the aircraft's transponder, an automatic radio transmitter that broadcasts its identity, airspeed and position, combined with the lack of a mayday distress signal from the pilots, led aviation experts to believe that the explosion, whatever its cause, may have resulted in total electrical failure on board.

The boxes, about the size of a car battery, use slightly more electricity than a standard portable computer. Later models have small capacitors which can keep them running briefly after an accident, but those on Flight 800 are thought to have been older and did not include the power storage units.

Capacitors are mandatory in Europe and the Federal Aviation Administration has been considering the same rule in America. Had the TWA boxes included the unit, recording time could have been extended by about one-fifth of a second. In the case of a bomb, or a missile, the value of this fleeting extra moment is thought to be negligible in establishing cause. If the crash was caused by mechanical failure, however, every slim piece of information might count.

The Boeing 747 that crashed was originally equipped with a flight data recorder that captured only five channels, each concentrating on one of the aircraft's vital measurements from speed and altitude to heading and vertical acceleration. A 17-channel system was installed later on Flight 800 and, although the FAA is proposing that all aircraft now upgrade to between 24 and 44 channels, the recorders have proved almost entirely reliable on jumbo jets.

FLIGHT DATA RECORDER (BLACK BOX)


Data management system receives information on aircraft functions and sends it to the 'black box'
'Black box' records information which can be analysed by computer
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Pilotless subs and sonar prove worth

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE recovery of the "black boxes" of TWA Flight 800 is the result of a high-tech search in the waters off Long Island using such sophisticated equipment as pilotless submarines and an experimental body-locating laser.

The *USS Oak Hill*, a multipurpose amphibious US Navy vessel with a flooded welldeck and two helicopters that can ferry wreckage to shore, has taken up position as the on-scene command post.

Side-scanning sonar towed by two other ships — the *Pirouette* and the *Rude* — is being used to map the debris on the seabed, and the *USS Grasp* is anchored directly over the centre of the wreckage. The *Grasp* uses remote-operated vehicles with video cameras and sonar to locate pieces of the airliner and then sends "hard-hat" divers, supplied with air through a pipe from the surface, down to investigate.

It was a small submarine and divers from the *Grasp*, a US Navy recovery ship, that finally retrieved the jet's flight data and cockpit voice recorders. The *Grasp* also has two cranes, each capable of lifting 75 tonnes, for the recovery of large chunks of wreckage from the seabed.

With as many as 120 divers working in shifts around the clock, officials describe the week-long salvage operation as a well oiled machine. The divers, who carry hand-held sonars and video cameras, face twisted metal and trails of electrical wire from the airliner. Visibility is about 15 ft.

The divers have also been equipped with an experimental laser able to locate bodies.

Flight 800's "black boxes" are laid out for inspection at the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington

Cockpit tape could hold bomb clue

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

A MILLISECOND of sound on the tape of the cockpit voice recorder could be enough to establish whether TWA Flight 800 was brought down by a bomb.

Before the power was cut, investigators hope, there could be sufficient information to enable them to obtain some indication of what happened in the last few seconds before the passengers and crew of the Boeing 747-100 were killed.

The "black boxes" are actually bright red so that they can be picked out in wreckage after a crash. The idea of recording automatically all the main movements of an aircraft from its height and speed to the engine power and the position of the control surfaces was developed in Britain in the late 1950s by an electronics expert, Kenneth Dobson, and first displayed at the Farnborough air show in 1961.

It is now compulsory for all large commercial aircraft to carry such recorders. They are made of titanium which surrounds mineral wool and cork packing designed to protect the mass of computer chips which monitor what is happening throughout the aircraft's vital parts and then record it onto wire or magnetic tape.

However, Tony Skinner, a former air accident investigator, said last night that he did not think the flight data recorder (FDR) would reveal much. "All it will show is that at a certain moment all electrical power was cut, either by an explosion or by an explosive decompression on board."

But the second "black box", the cockpit voice recorder, which is stored alongside the FDR in the tail of the aircraft, is more likely to provide a clue to the cause of the crash. This has four channels which record what the crew says to air traffic controllers on the ground and, more important, all the sounds in the aircraft, including the cockpit.

If this detected the first shock waves of a bomb blast, the trace will be compared with the "signatures" on the tape taken from the PanAm Boeing 747 which was blown up over Lockerbie in December 1988 and the Air India passenger aircraft which crashed off Ireland in 1985.

Clinton visits grieving relatives

BY TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT CLINTON, visiting the mourning families of those who died on TWA Flight 800, announced new airline security measures last night.

Emphasising that sabotage had not been identified as the cause of the crash, the White House said Mr Clinton would appoint Vice-President Al Gore to head a commission to draw up proposals within 45 days.

The measures would include the screening of all luggage on domestic flights within America and the expanded use of the CTX 5000 bomb-detection scanner now being tested at Atlanta and San Francisco airports.

With a white ribbon of remembrance on his lapel, Mr Clinton travelled by motorcade from Kennedy airport to the Ramada Plaza Hotel for a private meeting with the relatives. His message was reassurance that the Government was doing everything in its power to find all the bodies and an explanation of the crash.

The decision to fly to New York en route to the Olympic Games in Atlanta ended days of debate among senior members of the Administration as to how Mr Clinton personally should respond to the tragedy.

Earlier this week Mr Clinton, for instance, had declined an invitation to the memorial in Pennsylvania for 16 members of a high-school French class who had died. It was a deliberate move by the White House to both avoid diverting attention from the investigation and also prevent any possible criticism.

☐ **Paris:** President Chirac sent a Cabinet minister to New York yesterday to comfort the families of victims of last week's TWA disaster amid mounting anger among French relatives at the slow recovery of the bodies.

Anne-Marie Idrac, Secretary of State for Transport, was to meet families of the 48 French citizens who died in the explosion. The relatives are staying at an airport hotel waiting to take home the bodies of their loved ones.

The minister would also due to meet American officials in charge of the investigation into the crash. *(Reuter)*

Doctor 'gave lover HIV shot'

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

A DOCTOR, fearing the end of a decade-long affair with a nurse, has been charged with trying to kill the woman by injecting her with a "vitamin shot" that contained HIV-tainted blood from a dying Aids patient.

Dr Richard Schmidt, 48, from Lafayette, Louisiana, succeeded in infecting his mistress, 33, the prosecutor says. A father of two, described by his wife as a "good man", Dr Schmidt is being held without bail for attempted murder. The prosecutor wants to try him for murder, but cannot do so because his victim has not yet died.

Dr Schmidt's lawyer insists that his client's former mistress is "out to try and ruin his life with this charge". But the prosecutor says the woman was lying in bed on the night of August 4, 1994, when Dr Schmidt entered the darkened room and said he wanted to give her a shot of Vitamin B12 for her fatigue. He allegedly injected her despite her refusal.

The couple never had sex again and, about two months later, the woman began to complain of trouble with her lymph nodes and pain in her eyes. Last December the woman was diagnosed as HIV-positive. DNA tests on the virus allegedly matched those of a sample of infected blood taken from a dying Aids patient by Dr Schmidt on the day of the "vitamin" injection.

Hang-gliding: bidding for gold at Sydney Games

Gliders hover over Olympic heights

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

WITH snooker now being spoken of as a possible Olympic sport, other activities are pushing for inclusion in the Games, ranging from surfing to karate, lawn bowls and roller skating.

Juan Samaranch, head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), was reported yesterday to be keen on snooker and pushing for its inclusion in the 2004 Olympics. The IOC will meet at the end of the Atlanta Games to consider which new sports, if any, can be welcomed into the Olympic family. Sydney, site of the 2000 Games, has already made arrangements to accommodate the triathlon and the oriental sport of taekwon-do.

The US Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed." The US Squash Racquets Association is lobbying in Atlanta to be allowed to play in future Olympiads and the ruling organisations of ballroom dancing and hang-gliding have said they want to be allowed in.

To qualify, an activity must be played in at least 75 countries on four continents. The Atlanta Games have seen the successful introduction of beach volleyball — the sport has been fast and good to watch.

Sydney intends to limit the Games to 10,000 athletes, 1,000 fewer than Atlanta, in the belief that the Olympics are becoming unwieldy. Mr Samaranch likes to say that "the bus is full — someone will have to get off before someone else gets on".

A Sydney spokesman said yesterday that the city is near to some "terrifically tall cliffs which would be well suited to hang-gliding".

In view of all this, cricket, dropped in 1900, may feel that it is time to return to the Olympic crease.

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Bronze means happy

BY QUENTIN LETTS

OLYMPIC bronze medallists are likely to be happier than winners of silver medals, psychologists claimed yesterday.

A study of the reactions of bronze and silver medallists suggested that whereas silver medallists feel a sense of despair at having just missed the top place, bronze medallists are delighted to be part of the medal awards ceremony, feel less pressure of failure and reflect that it is far better to have come third than unrewarded fourth.

Victoria Husted Medvec, a business psychologist at Northwestern University, said: "We examined film footage of the Barcelona Games and studied the reactions of 41 athletes on the stands during the medal ceremony and during interviews afterwards. The silver medallists were significantly less happy than the people who won bronze."

The film footage was assessed by a scientifically controlled range of viewers who marked the reactions of the athletes on a scale of one to ten. The bronze winners waved their medals and smiled. Silver winners were more likely to look exhausted and depressed.

The Graeco-Roman wrestling this week presented an example of an inconsolable silver medallist. Matt Ghaffari of the US, who lost the super heavyweight final narrowly to Russia's Aleksandr Karelin, broke down on the medal podium.

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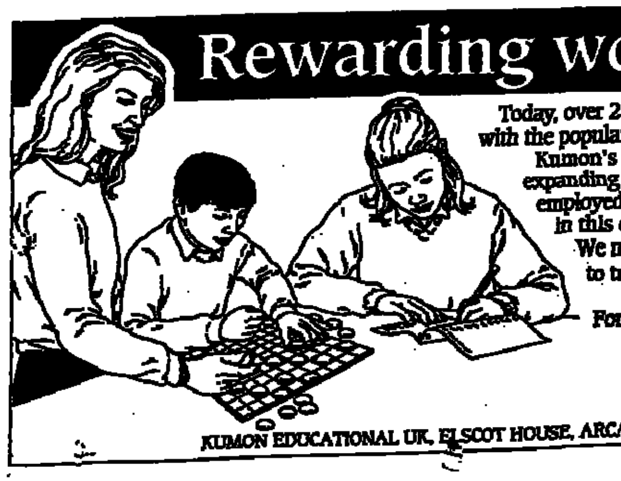

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How gay men were "cured"

Brutal methods were once used by hospitals to treat homosexuals, reports **Jeremy Laurence**

Many brutal treatments have been adminstered in the name of psychiatry but few are as nasty as that meted out to Peter Price, now a Liverpool radio presenter. Thirty years ago, as a young man, Mr Price underwent aversion therapy to "cure" him of his homosexuality. His mother had wanted more than anything to have grandchildren and he felt he had let her down.

Mr Price, whose story is told in a BBC TV programme next month, sought help from his GP who referred him to Deva psychiatric hospital in Chester. He still has nightmares about the three days he spent there in 1963.

As male homosexual activity was still illegal at the time, the reason for Peter's admission was kept secret and he was put in a ward with manic depressives. "We had people screaming in the night, people chattering and laughing. It was like a horror movie."

The next day he was taken to a windowless room and told to get into bed. He was given a stack of male erotica magazines and a supply of Guinness, his favourite drink.

A short while later, three staff came into the room and gave him an injection. Soon after he vomited. He asked for a bowl but was told just to be sick in the bed. The sickness lasted an hour and then he was given another injection and the vomiting would start again.

"They wouldn't let me go to the toilet so you can imagine what it was like. I didn't sleep. I was in a terrible state. I couldn't think straight. After 72 hours I said 'Hey I want out. If this is supposed to make me better I don't want to be better'."

He phoned a friend and, despite the pleadings of staff to persist with the treatment, persuaded him to pick him up.

"We went back to his house where I got cleaned up, then we went to bed. I think it was my way of telling them where to go. Far from curing me, the treatment confirmed more than anything else that I was gay."

Until 1973, homosexuality was classified as a psychiatric disorder and aversion therapy was frequently used to try to turn young men's fancy in the direction of the opposite sex. It was a form of conditioning with a crude simplicity: encourage patients to indulge in the unwanted behaviour and then apply unpleasant stimuli, such as nasty injections or electric shocks. Sooner or later, it was believed, the patient would, Pavlov-like, associate the behaviour with the nastiness and avoid it.

For homosexuality, the treatment was a failure, proving that sexual orientation is not a learnt behaviour. Aversion therapy did work, however, in cases of sexual fetishism, a learnt response in which a sexual activity has become linked with an object.

Dr Michael Raymond, the psychiatrist who died last year, pioneered the use of the therapy in the treatment of fetishism and alcoholism in the 1950s and 1960s. In one celebrated case, he treated a young RAF mechanic obsessed with handbags. The sight of a well-stuffed handbag would excite him sexually.

The treatment involved shutting him in a room with a collection of handbags and giving him repeated injections of apomorphine, a drug which causes vomiting.

After some days, the man finally broke down sobbing and shouted "Take them away." From that moment he lost all interest in them.

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Israel's children of hope

The political map of Israel may look like a skin disease — all blotches and pimples encircled in green — but thousands of young Arabs and Jews are learning the art of peaceful coexistence. Cynthia Kee reports

The taxi wound its way down the broad street of the Arab village; on either side, big white houses, newly built with palatial overtones. Overhead, a single canopy, densely blue. At the bottom, a street market. We drew up in our white Mercedes. Outside the open window was a T-shirt stall — brick, plum, mustard, they hung limply on wire hangers as T-shirts do. Ahead, fruit and vegetables glowing like jewels — orange, aubergine, tomato. The driver gestured at a mountain of cauliflowers, creamy faced and staring, eyeless. I could have put out my hand and bought one.

"That side, Palestinian police: this side, Israeli," he said. Then he turned round and drove back.

This was one of the unsolicited detours made by my driver, Mahommed (there are Christian Arabs too), on our way through the densely populated strip of Israel between the mountains and the Mediterranean. On the political map it looks like a skin disease, all blotches and pimples encircled by green lines. These reflect the enormously complex agreement between Israel and Yassir Arafat and may be autonomously Palestinian, Palestinian run, Israeli policed or Palestinian to be. On the ground it's an unlovely stretch crammed with urban settlements: Jewish, red-roofed and regimented: Arab, as above; trailer parks, inhabited by unhoused Russian or Ethiopian Jews.

Mahommed jumped out in an apparently Jewish area to buy strawberries from some Arabs in a mobile shop. How did I know they were Arabs? Only because I asked. Mahommed supported Peres. "Good man," he said.

The inhabitants of the "unrecognised village" didn't support anyone. "Even Arafat has forgotten us," said their spokesperson. Sixty thousand Arabs, mostly Bedouin, who have refused to move off their lands live in unrecognised villages. Denied civil amenities, their dwellings subject to peremptory demolition, they seemed among the most deprived of Israeli citizens. By Third World standards their tin and board shacks scattered over a stony hillside were not too bad. But Israel is classified as Europe. For the inhabitants of Kamane the obscenity was the trim Jewish new towns clothing the hilltops next door, paint bright and serviced to the hilt. Of course they feel pushed out; of course they cling to "injustice" and "dispossession" like validating trophies won in an unfair war.

CYNTHIA KEE

How have "God's chosen people" made such enemies of the Arabs who live in their midst and in whose midst they live?

I have always wondered how "God's chosen people" (Spinoza, Freud, Einstein, all those thinkers) could have managed to make such enemies out of the Arabs who live in their midst, and in whose midst they live. Strolling spellbound through the cool halls of the new Supreme Court in Jerusalem, I experienced a nasty indigestive blip thinking of the noble monuments, donated mostly by international Jewry, all dedicated to the greater glory of Israel and all grounded on the shifting sands of human hate.

'I tried guessing which was which but never got it right'

But there are exceptions. I went to Israel to look for them, for initiatives in Arab-Jewish coexistence, especially with the young. I found projects, programmes, pressure groups by the hundred and visited a score or more — all run with relish by Israelis who seemed convinced they were living the right life, who could and did change things and who were eager to explain how and why. The way they talked made me wonder if any of it was true. All these coexistence programmes and so many Jews . . . Where were the Arab co-workers?

On the fourth day, I found one. In Jaffa, that picturesque Mediterranean port which is also the location of some of the roughest slums in Israel. He was sitting in a quiet room beside a boxful of cassettes. At his feet two rows of children lay on mattresses, each with a Walkman, each listening to a story in Arabic or Hebrew — Jews and Arabs, side by side.

The Jewish Arab Association for the Child and Family, Friendship's Way, was set up in 1983 by a handful of peace activists frustrated by their diet of demos and marches. It is a long-term, after-school enrichment programme aimed at fostering "mutual respect and understanding" and it works with parents too. The young Arab supervising the rest was a graduate of the programme.

"During the Gulf War," he said, "the children were happy that the Scuds were coming but they also invited Jewish staff to come home and stay with them." He spoke with affection and some pride.

Children by the thousand learn coexistence at Givat Haviva: 1,300 Arabs and Jews paired in the Children Teaching Children programme — 2,000 at a time, face to face on three-day residential workshops, and by the hundred on art and drama courses for young people.

Nearly 50 years old, Givat Haviva is a Peace University and you never know who you're going to come across. A flock of Muslim girls, soft faces smiling within their black veils, on a women's rights course; groups of men in suits strolling under the eucalyptus trees — executives, maybe, learning how to teach business to Arabs in Gaza, or maybe Arab teachers learning about the Holocaust; a knot of lean, elegant Mizrahi (immigrant Jews from Ethiopia) studying democracy; a troup of soldier girls learning conciliation skills. Much of the work at Givat Haviva goes on in homogenous groups. Mixed groups are liable to explode without long and careful preparation. "I can't bear it!" screamed an unprepared visitor (Jewish) to an art exhibition as he fled from the room, hands clutched to his head.

At the school, in Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, the art teacher put her hands to her breast. "These are my lands, my people," she said. I felt acutely uncomfortable. Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, the Peace Oasis, is the most advanced of all coexistence enterprises in Israel. Thirty-six families live there, Arab and Jewish, coming together purposely to practise coexistence and to teach it both to children in the school and to hundreds of young people and adults who take courses there. The art teacher was telling me what anguish the celebration of Israeli Independence Day causes her. Lulled by the tranquillity and purposefulness of the place, I had forgotten what powerful emotions might need to be managed in order to live there peaceably. With some relief, I left her office.

Bright-eyed and bold children closed round me. They tried spelling my name on the board in Hebrew, Arabic and English. I tried guessing which of them was which but I never got it right.

The school at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, unique in Israel, has been recognised by the Government since 1993. This is important as a precedent as well as financially. It is just such initiatives that are likely to be clobbered by the Netanyahu Government whose retinue of absolutist parties are for an exclusively Jewish state.

"Peace process" seems to me a phrase for now far distanced from the painstaking humanisation of stereotypes from which stable peace could grow; a game for politicians in which throwing a six means "handshake on the White House lawn"

"No! *He* Arab. *Me* Jew . . ." said a pair of giggling nine-year-olds at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam. They put their arms round one another and ran off shouting.

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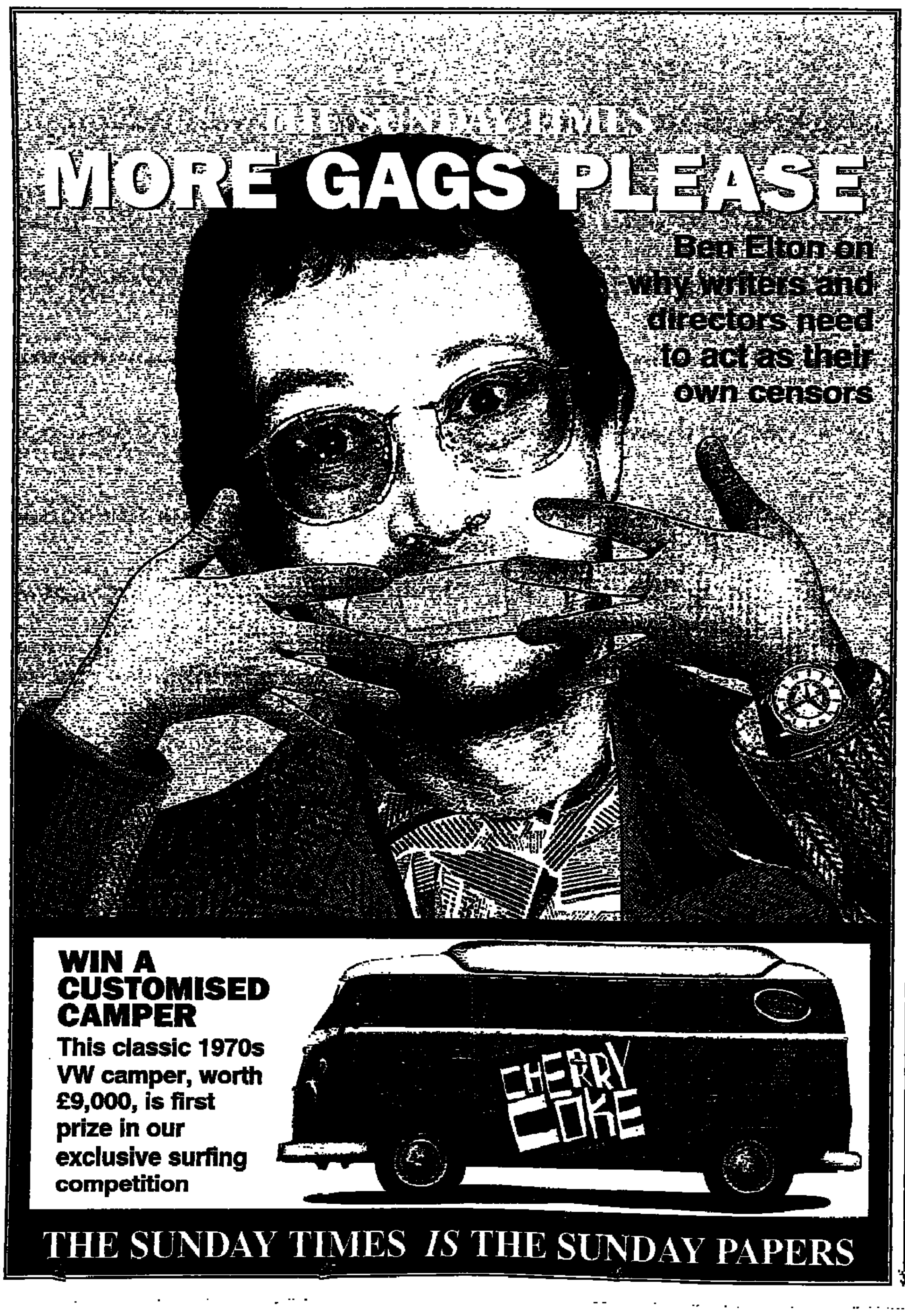

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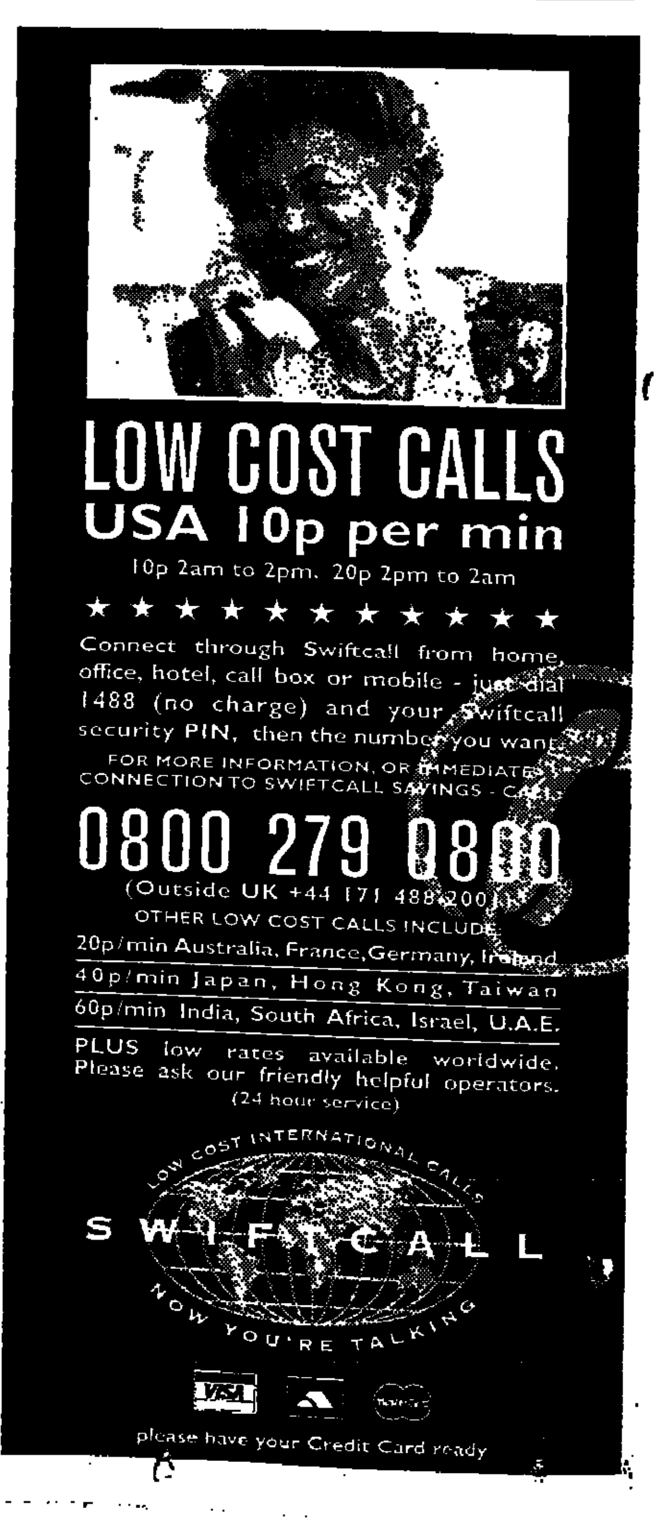

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David Heathcoat-Amory: "If a single currency is held to be a such a good idea, I want them to tell me why."

They didn't think I would do it

Paymaster General David Heathcoat-Amory explains why he was certain he had to resign

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

It is day one of David Heathcoat-Amory's new-found freedom. The plus is that he can linger over his breakfast muesli and say what he really thinks about Europe. The minus is that Cyril the chauffeur, "the best in the world", no longer waits at the door of his Holland Park house.

On cue, the doorbell rings and it is Cyril — already reallocated to Jeremy Hanley. He has come to deliver the contents of the ex-minister's desk, to take away the last red box, and to ask could they please have Mr Heathcoat-Amory's key to the ministerial loo?

This symbolic exchange over, Mr Heathcoat-Amory *sinks his long lean frame into* a sofa, a man more famous out of office than he ever was in it. Last week, so little was known about him that people could neither spell or pronounce his name (it's *Hethcut*). Now he has had his first experience of evading the hack pack by sprinting out of a back door, and a *taxi*-driver has finally recognised *him*.

In a room papered in William Morris willow, Florence, seven, plays with Norwich terrier puppy Pippin. Two teenage sons are in bed. The handsome house formerly belonged to the artist Howard Hodgkin, so Mrs Heathcoat-Amory, aka the artist Linda *Adams, paints in Hodgkin's* attic studio.

It is perplexing that someone with Heathcoat-Amory's Establishment background, his unrebellious nature, a man born to the Whips' office, should have become at this crucial juncture one of Mr Major's "bastards". "Not a very obvious career *move*," he says drily.

His bachelor uncle Derick was Macmillan's Chancellor, an austere man who remains a hero to some for reducing the duty on cigarettes and beer. David recalls a journalist once telephoning his uncle at home on Boxing Day, which seemed, in the 1950s, "quite an event". The family fortune derives from a Victorian Liberal MP, John Heathcoat, of Nottinghamshire who invented a lace-making machine and was obliged by Luddites to move to Devon. David's mother, Sonia, married two Heathcoat-Amory cousins in succession: so David , whose father is a retired brigadier, has two older half-siblings who are also his second cousins, and a younger sister who was formerly married to Michael Cockerell, maker of mischievous political documentaries.

He was a fearless captain of boxing at Eton and a boxing blue *during his* carefree sporting years at Christ Church, Oxford, where he read PPE and became president of the Conservative Association, pro-Europe, pro-Ted Heath. He met Bill Clinton, and was in Grosvenor Square for the anti-Vietnam demo (just to observe; he did not inhale). Afterwards he travelled round the world, *ending up in Vietnam with a correspondent's accreditation* fixed by Jonathan Aitken. Having qualified as a chartered acountant, he joined a Lloyd's syndicate — resigning, just too late, in 1989. "I am nothing like as badly hit as many others, and it's a loss I can sustain."

The shooting lodge at Glenfernat, for 100 years his family's Perthshire estate, is mostly let. "Land ownership is like being a pensioner in a large house; you have this enormous asset, but no cash." The grouse are scarce but the trout are plentiful until Max Hastings arrives among this summer's guests.

From this background, it is incongruous to imagine him, now congenially established in Wells, ever contesting Brent South (Paul Boateng's rock-solid Labour seat). It is equally incongruous to recall that he was Deputy Chief Whip at the time of the Maastricht Bill, though already a closet Eurosceptic. "But I thought we ought to make a go of it and God, I tried. I've done my bit for Europe, frankly."

He hoped subsidiarity might help: "But like all half-formed federations, the central government exercises more and more power, and it's remorseless." When John Major moved *him* from Foreign Office *to* Treasury to get the EC Finance Bill through, he found the EU budget "with its colossal waste and inefficiency" unutterably depressing.

Finally this year he made up his mind to go: a decision he made alone. "I would have liked to discuss it with friends like Michael Howard and Richard Ryder. But I felt with such certainty that I was right. What are *politicians for? Why* are we here? When something is clearly wrong for this country, we should reject it. I'm not a show-off: some people think it's only extroverts who have certainties, but other people can have self-confidence about their beliefs, and I'm one of them." There was no point in talking to the Chancellor: "One thing I respect about him is he makes up his mind and sticks to it."

He told the Prime Minister on May 16. "No, he was not angry. He is a courteous and considerate man. He asked me to reconsider. But he knows I understand his position, and disagree with it. He pointed out it would cause another parliamentary row, and I agreed it would be difficult and damaging for him, so the least I could do was agree to his timing. I promised to stay until the reshuffle, and to keep it confidential." But since he was about to publish his arguments in a pamphlet (*A Single European Currency: Why the United Kingdom must say 'No'*, published by the Bruges Group) others inevitably found out. The Chief Whip tried to talk him out of it. "I don't think they really believed I would do it."

The Prime Minister declared on *Today* that Heathcoat-Amory could have effected change from within. "But I've tried that. I've been a minister eight years. Policy decisions are settled by senior Cabinet members and I had no chance of advancing the arguments I *believed in. If politics is a* battle of ideas you must put them forward, and I can do that from the back benches, as I could not as a minister. I hope they will read my pamphlet. If a single currency is held to be such a good idea, I want them to tell me why."

They support him in Wells, a Euro-sceptic farming constituency, but he embraces no Euro-sceptic group: "I don't go along with this rather unpleasant undercurrent of fearing German dominance; I'm impressed by modern Germany." He is convinced that our relationship with Europe will change in response to public demand. "We will become the national party: it's only a question of when and how." The Goldsmith factor is "a symptom of what's wrong. Goldsmith has damaging views on trade which I completely disagree with, but people will vote for a fringe party if the Conservative Party doesn't represent their feelings."

He sees the Prime Minister as "boxed in, poor fellow", with his majority of one, and his Chancellor "a drag anchor". "And if that's how it has to be, count me out." When he read yesterday's *Times* interview in which John Major said the Tories can still say no to a single currency, he responded: "Well, that's his story. It might get him through the holdays, but it won't get him through the general election."

Turned off by a summer of ugly feet

THERE is surely nothing on earth more ugly than the human foot, and nothing more calculated to display it to its utmost revoltingness than the miserable sandal.

Returning from an otherwise delightful holiday last week, I was overjoyed to find it raining at Heathrow. For two weeks I had been surrounded by holidaying English feet, gnarled and hairy but besandalled and on shameless show. A winter of corns, dry skin, ingrown nails, blisters and athlete's foot had, apparently, prepared these pedal protruberances for a fortnight of nudity. And it was vile. To see my jaded co-passengers reach for their luggage and, with muted sighs, root out a pair of Oxfords had me rejoicing at our intemperate climate.

Imagine, then, my consternation — the upheaval in a stomach that had anticipated 50 foot-free weeks before next summer's foreign verruca-fest, when I learned that sandals were "back".

On the catwalks of Milan, men in suits wore sandalled feet. Fashion writers called it "cool" and "sensible". Spread across double pages in magazines was Sir Ranulph Fiennes, our greatest living explorer, holding a hideous two-strapped leather thing and suggesting, albeit obliquely, that it was indispensable to the success of solo missions to the South Pole.

I once had great respect for the man. From now on I shall regard every toe taken from *him by frostbite as a blow* struck by Nature in the cause of elegance and modesty.

Have we not advanced *since mighty Rome* withdrew its legions because their sandalled feet could not march in our frozen land?

For women there are python-skin flip-flops by Patrick Cox, white snaffle mules by *Office, and sandals in red* patent leather by Jimmy Choo. They are worn with nail polish of blue or bubblegum pink, toe-rings and Elastoplast on blistered heels. How the mystery of woman perishes below the anklet

And how the dignity of men is compromised by a once-broken big toe, now shorter than its bony neighbour, poking through a thin leather loop. Today they call them Nike Air Royos, Reef-Brazil Mundakas and Teva Terradactyls. But they are all sandals, as sad as the now-back-in-favour Scholl, with its slap of sweaty arch on flapping wooden sole.

But then, this is a nation that can eat pink ice lollies called Funny Feet. Feet are not funny at all. I would no more eat a processed cheese called Humorous Bunion.

So do not curse the onset of cold weather this autumn. Rather, dream of a winter of boots, brogues and fetid feet shod with respect for social harmony. If ever there were a reason to fight against global warming, this is it.

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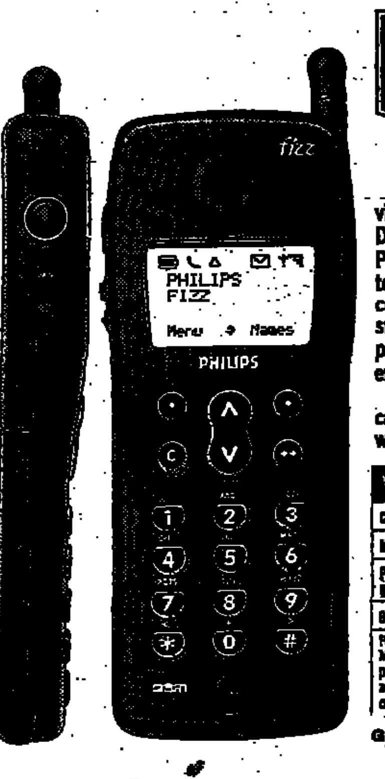

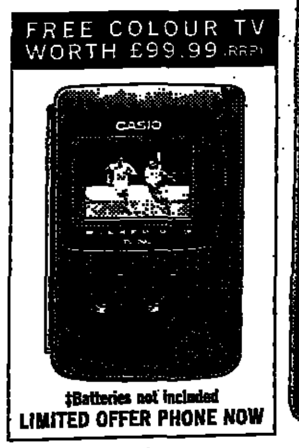

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■ Nothing in the Games is new: not even the cynical press coverage

Coca-Cola is best. Pindar introduced his Olympian Odes with, "Water is the greatest". And he was performing the prizegiving ceremony for Hieron, Tyrant of Syracuse, whose entry "Winner-Bringer" had just won gold in the Olympic Games flat race for horses in 476 BC. But we have improved on all that archaic stuff. So our Olympian Ode in 1996 has to start with Coke, the corporate sponsor of these games. Although the sacred poet (hired hack on his high horse) may understandably prefer Pepsi, without even bringing into contention champagne or Greene King bitter and other more inspirational liquids.

Coca-Cola is best. The sponsors say so, so it must be true. And gold, like fire burning in the night, outshines all possessions that magnify men's pride. But if you want to puff the greatest games, look no farther for any star brighter than the sun, or for any contest greater than Atlanta. And in fact, in spite of the Coke, *plus ça change plus* this is still the same old Olympics.

For *pace* soppy "Baron" Pierre de Coubertin and *Chariots of Fire*, what has always mattered at the Olympics is winning, not taking part. Pindar, their first (Doric) columnist, wrote about the losers "skulking furtively down the back alleys at home, shamed by their loss". But the winner, though a mortal and therefore "a dream of a shadow", bathes in "a ray of sunshine come as a gift from the gods". Or at Atlanta he or she mounts a podium for national anthem, medal and five minutes' television fame. All that matters is being *aristos*, going for gold.

Athletes fuss about their diet. But they always have. This year at Atlanta the Chinese are complaining about their official menu of spare ribs, jumboburgers and Coke. But 25 centuries ago one of the sprinters insisted on training on a diet of figs, because they made him run faster. Beach volleyball is the new sport this year, with maidens in bright raiment throwing a ball at each other, and provoking the newspapers to suggestive puns about Silicone Volley. But there is nothing new under the Olympic sun. Beach ball played by scantily clad maidens may seem new to Atlanta, but it is one of the oldest games. Princess Nausicaa and her maidens were playing it on the beach at Phaeacia when they were interrupted by Odysseus, the first streaker in history.

Our man from *The Times* at the Atlanta Olympics, Quentin Letts, is being given a roasting by the American media for allegedly negative reporting. Instead of praising the winners in the style of Pindar, he and his colleagues have reported the traffic gridlock in downtown Atlanta, the Olympic computer that gurgitates such unpersuasive statistics as a heavyweight boxer 6cm high, and other cock-up and chaos inevitable at such a crowded and contentious meeting. There is a precedent for shooting the Pindar. In 1861, our special correspondent to Washington, William Howard Russell, made himself so unpopular with Americans by his candid account of the shambles and panic at the Battle of Bull Run that he had to seek sanctuary in the British Embassy.

Once Britain wins a few medals, our hacks will revert from sarcastic to Pindaric mode: "Sons of the golden track in your Nikes, my surest rule is this, when I come to your island to shower you with songs of praise." The modern Olympics may seem to be a contest for chemistry graduates, with steroids running and splashing against cortisone. But the ancient Olympics were also full of cheats. Wrestlers were called lions, from their trick of biting each other when the judges were not looking. When he was Emperor, Nero won more medals than Michelle Smith, even in events which he had not entered. Olympic athletes tripped, tugged each other's shorts (until they were made to run naked in the delusion that this would stop them tugging), took bribes, and were flogged for starting before the flag. There have always been too many silly sports, especially swimming. But when thunder wakes the little dog at 3am, it is a comfort to find the younger son watching gymnastics on the television. My boy, do not seek immortal life, but exhaust the realm of the possible. And enjoy Pindar's rapid cutting and brilliant imagery embedded in impenetrable stuff. For remember the roots of the games are very old and very gnarled.

I could murder a burger

Obsessive personalities can be found in every country, but intense Americans take extremes to extremes

Bernard Levin

In all the world's countries — certainly in all the very many countries I have visited or even heard of — there are people who are significantly different from the rest. Of course there are vast numbers of "differents" everywhere, from those who love broccoli and yogurt to those who shin up drainpipes, climb through windows and steal jewellery. But I am not talking about that kind of difference: I am talking about those who — in the vulgar — are so different that passers-by are tempted to tap their foreheads as they hurry past. And for reasons I cannot fathom, and I think are not fathomable, almost all of these are to be found in the United States.

Do you remember the tragedy of Jim Jones — "Jonestown" — when this savage madman told his followers to drink poison and that they would therefore go to heaven, whereupon they drank it? Do you remember the similar horror at Waco, when another nut and his followers burnt themselves to death? Do you know that there was another of these sieges at Ruby Ridge, Idaho? What inspires American people — and people in significant numbers — to believe that they can be made immortal if they follow an obvious lunatic?

I have recently come back from America, where I found myself watching from the wings another of these self-immolations, though happily this one gave up without bloodshed. Happily, yes, but when I tell you that the group had been holding out for *eighty-one* days, and every day could have been a massacre, surely you will agree that there is something about the United States which is not to be found elsewhere. (No, I have not forgotten Dunblane, but that was greatly different from the American bloodlettings.)

Mind you, when the men and women of the stand-off had filed out peaceably, there was much more to come, because the filers, it turned out, had filed out with millions of dollars in bogus cheques, and when the judge started proceedings, the filers threatened to kill him. So if you were thinking that the Freemen (that is what they call themselves) should be patted on the head, you should take care that they don't bite you. For those amazing people who held out for 81 days were, in blunt British terms, a pack of more or less dotty libertarian extremists. Outside, the loonies and semi-loonies were having a high old time: the publisher of the far-right (and *how* far-right!) magazine *Free American* was saying "It's just another small part of how the Government keeps America divided."

Now I started by saying that the United States has peculiar ideas and is not shy of exhibiting them. But that is the terrible side of our friendly cousins. There is, of course, a side to America which exhibits no violence. But I am not just measuring the violent side and the peaceful side. I want to examine another extraordinary facet of the United States. It comes under the heading of intensity. And I know no other country that uses enormous intensity not just on its dark side but on the bright side as well. (I once listed countries by the number of murders by handguns a year — the list read: Britain 33; Sweden 36; Switzerland 97; Canada 128; Australia 13; Japan 60, and the United States 13,220. I doubt if there has been any substantial change.)

But return to the matter of intensity. Of course, we would classify murder under the flag of intensity — what else could it be called? But the very strange thing is that American intensity is just as strong when it is contemplating murder as when it is contemplating a McDonald's, and I say that not as a grim gibe. For I shall now put the two together, and tell me whether there is a not a clear and distinct similarity between them. Between the two? Between a passion of men out of control with savage violence and others mildly asking for their fondest bun to be improved? Yes, and you might note that each of these two items from the newspapers — the story of the mad savages and the story of the popular comestible — took up the same number of pages: five.

Now for McDonald's and the precious — apparently very precious — bun. I have to admit immediately that I have never eaten a McDonald's meal, or indeed entered one of its speckless eateries, and this goes for Burger King as well, to say nothing about Wimpy (surely the man who invented it?); but before the McDonald's lawyers — I bet they have thousands and thousand of them — descend upon me, saying that I have said wicked things about their immaculate foodstuff, I must say that I do not propose to say anything at all about the nature or taste or quality of this no doubt delicious sweetmeat. All I propose to do is to discuss the almost incredible lengths that McDonald's will go to to promote a new burger.

I said five pages, and I meant it. True, we are talking about what happens in the United States, but the very new American McDonald's kick-off itself is enough to make your head swim: many ordinary goods and services are helped into the market by a simple giveaway, but what would you say when you discovered (as I did) that as a promotion — promotion! — McDonald's has given away, free, *fifty million dollars-worth* of burgers?

The new burger (nobody has as yet discussed the possibility of throwing in an ingot of pure gold to go with the burger, but give them time) is called the Arch Deluxe, and although it has gone off pretty well, in the McDonald's boardroom there is apparently a frown or two. Hence the headlines (oh yes, in America burgers are frequently to be found in the headlines) saying "Consumers not exactly flipping for new burger", "Arch may not be much of a triumph" and "No one really knows if this sandwich will have legs".

So, solemnly, McDonald's called up the infantry: the Arch Deluxe has got its polling firm, Louis Harris and Associates, and we now have seen what we have seen. For the pollsters have announced that one quarter of the American adult population have eaten a McDonald's Arch Deluxe. But that means (because many will have eaten more than one, and very many children have eaten lots and lots) that we must, even more solemnly, say that McDonald's Arch Deluxe has been eaten by not less than 80 million people, and the end is not yet in sight.

Then the figures begin to make me reel: 69 per cent said they might eat another; 90 per cent said they would not go to McDonald's more often just because of the Arch Deluxe; 60 per cent prefer the Big Mac to the Arch Deluxe. And do you remember that incredible figure — fifty million dollars-worth free to promote Arch Deluxe? Well, stop remembering the fifty million dollars, because McDonald's has announced that it is going to spend *two hundred million dollars* to promote the Arch Deluxe.

And this, dear readers, is nothing but a bun. A bun, moreover, that is not something amazingly new; it is, after all, what oldies like me call a hamburger, viz., chopped steak, a bit of salad and two buns to hold the steak. In even more familiar language, it is a sandwich. I have nothing against a sandwich, but surely nobody would buy one because of its startling newness. Well you and I wouldn't, but 80 million have already done so.

And at last I come round from where I started. Well-cooked steak, I grant you, is hardly a subject to discuss when murder has just been making the running, but please go back to where I started. My theme was intensity, which I think — no, I am sure — is woven into all or most countries, but most deeply and darkly into the fabric of America.

Terrible things happen in almost all countries. But the United States takes the prize. It is not just Waco, Ruby Ridge, Jonestown and the vast numbers more. It is something — as I call it — like intensity. And, as I say, it has also a sunlit side. I repeat: all countries have their eccentricities, even if only in their religion. But the United States, I firmly believe, is absolutely *sui generis* in this matter. And when you think that the matter in hand includes not only hamburgers, but ghastly multiple murderings, surely it is that unique intensity which makes vast pools of blood, and simultaneously makes chopped steak.

Home rule for the matadors

Magnus Linklater

on the bullfights and bombs of Andalucia

Undeterred by ETA bombs, the tourists are packing into the *Plaza de Toros* in Puerto Banus, just along the coast from Marbella. They have come to see two of the season's more glamorous matadors: Christina Sanchez, Spain's only female bullfighter, and Mañuel Diaz, who has adopted the name of the great El Cordobes and claims to be his natural son; he certainly has his good looks, if not all his skill.

Over the next two hours they kill six bulls between them: two of them well and cleanly, four indifferently. The crowd rises to Ms Sanchez as she executes her first *faena* immaculately, then boos and whistles as she struggles to despatch her second bull, failing time after time to thrust the sword home. Finally, and humiliatingly, a male *torero* finishes the job for her. The general view is that she was unlucky with the animals she faced, but for the more macho Spaniards in the audience, it probably served to confirm their opinion that a woman has no place in the ring. Certainly, for sheer flamboyance, it was El Cordobes who stole the show.

Bullfighting either disgusts or thrills, and often it does both. Those in our party who had never seen a *corrida* before left faintly depressed by an evening which seemed all too often to consist of slaughter by routine rather than ritual. But for the *aficionado*, this most politically incorrect of spectacles continues to exert an electric fascination: both because the death of a human being is always just a hair's breadth away, and because at its best it still has a dramatic intensity unequalled by any other sport. Spaniards who have been gloomily predicting the decline of bullfighting for years are instead witnessing its revival. Two or three fighters of genius, such as Jesulin de Ubrique, are once again drawing the crowds. And in the sierras of Andalucia, where we have been staying, it is so deeply embedded in the culture that to question its legitimacy is to be met with incomprehension.

But if Andalucians see nothing incongruous about celebrating death in the ring, they are nevertheless dismayed by ETA's new campaign of death on the beaches. In the past few weeks, the violence has begun spreading south and has reached the resorts of the Costa del Sol. Despite the arrest of a suspected ETA cell this week, the explosion at Reus may signal an escalation which could strike at the heart of tourism, the only industry of major significance in the area. Memories of the terror campaigns of 1979 and 1980, which led to nearly 200 deaths in Spain, are still fresh, and there is little or no sympathy with Basque separatists who believe that a resumption of violence is the only way of achieving independence.

It is not that Andalucia itself is hostile to autonomy. Like the other provinces of Spain it has adopted devolution with enthusiasm, even though it has no tradition of separate nationhood, and has never been a single entity. Indeed in 1980, when Adolfo Suarez, then Spain's Prime Minister, called a referendum on Andalucia's future and suggested a slow and gradual route towards autonomy, the electorate voted against him. Nearly two-thirds voted for the faster route, turning out in larger numbers than either the Basques or the Catalans. And when, despite this, Suarez used a single poor result in Almeria to reject the vote, there was such fury that new laws had to be introduced to give the Andalucians what they wanted.

Sixteen years on, Andalucia is still struggling economically. It is Spain's poorest province, with an unemployment rate of 28 per cent, and it is beset by corruption. As an industrially deprived area within the EU, it has received large injections of European aid, which have opened up its transport system and helped to develop tourism. It continues to press for a larger share of Spain's wealth, and although it has not yet succeeded, there is little evidence that this has encouraged thoughts of pressing for greater independence. The Nationalist Party has rarely won more than a small percentage of votes. Andalucia remains determinedly socialist.

Parallels with Scotland are hard to resist, and those who cite Catalonia, Spain's wealthiest province, as a model for devolution might find it more instructive to look at Andalucia. However poor it remains, the principle of decentralisation seems as natural as a love of bullfighting.

For those who visit Andalucia in search of something more than the *corrida* or the sangria-drenched resorts of the Costa del Sol, there is much to admire about the independence of spirit in an area which still strikes one as remarkably free from European influence. The little whitewashed villages, high in the sierras, are as much Moorish as Spanish. Despite the new roads, they seem almost as isolated as they were when the British writer Gerald Brenan went to live there in the 1920s. Explaining to the villagers that he had served in the Great War, he found that they all assumed he had been fighting the Moors.

Andalucia is now a part of modern Europe, but it retains what Brenan described as "a certain modicum of anarchy and non-compliance". And he added: "It is still true that south of the Pyrenees one finds a society that puts the deeper needs of human nature before the technical organisation that is required to provide a higher standard of living." That may explain why it prefers to seek its own route to economic viability, rather than the violence and extremism of its Basque compatriots.

Extra games

SEXUAL SCANDAL has reared its ugly head to add to the chaos at the Olympics. Apparently unimpressed by the traditional abstinence of competing athletes, five members of the Armenian weightlifting team were apprehended on Wednesday night after an incident with a prostitute.

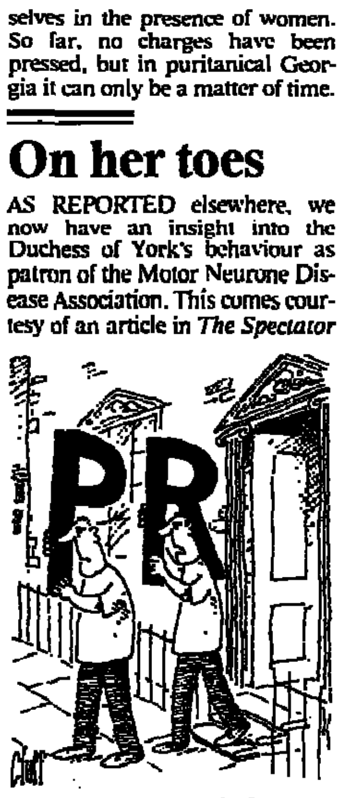
"They were arrested following a business transaction with a woman. The discussion was about an exchange of services," explained Bob Brennan, press chief for the organising committee.

The hairy backs were left standing when a lady relieved them of $100 and sprinted off into the night. Realising that she wasn't coming back, they reacted like grizzlies which had had their bottoms tickled, lumbering off in angry pursuit and ending up eventually at the apartment where she was hiding. "They made such a ruckus when they hammered on the door that a resident phoned the police," said the press chief, adding that they were released.

Atlanta's police have also dealt with a Tunisian boxer seized by lust who fondled "inappropriately" a female tram-driver, and a couple of fencers from the Spanish team who decided to relieve themselves in the presence of women. So far, no charges have been pressed, but in puritanical Georgia it can only be a matter of time.

On her toes

AS REPORTED elsewhere, we now have an insight into the Duchess of York's behaviour as patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. This comes courtesy of an article in *The Spectator* written by my friend Dominic Prince, who co-founded the association and sits on its board with the ginger albatross.



"It's only a week since we removed her HRH"

I wonder if Dominic, who writes of a disorganised Duchess cracking jokes about her overdraft during board meetings, ever discussed shared experiences with the Duchess — for he, too, has had his toes sucked. In *The Sun* four years ago, under the banner headline "She gave a great toe job", he talked of spending the night on a sofa with David Mellor's former lover, Antonia de Sancha. "Sucking guys' toes was all part of her mucking about . . . She was a delightful eccentric, beautiful."

● *Devotees of Alexander Pope are hoping that his grotto at Twickenham can be restored. The subterranean hideaway, which was put up for sale by the Sisters of Mercy, has been bought by a school. Pope readers are relieved that property developers have not got their hands on the Thames-side site and Lord Rothschild has been looking at it with a view to his National Heritage Memorial Fund providing cash for restoration.*

Track record

THERE has been a motoring accident. Involved were a Ferrari F50, one of the fastest road cars in the world, a high-ranking official at London's Liberian Embassy and a concrete bollard.

The diplomat had taken the F50, worth £500,000 and capable of more than 200mph, for a spin round a racetrack owned by the Ministry of Defence in Chobham, Surrey. Cruising at 80mph, crrrrrunch, he crashed into the bollard. The damage is estimated at £100,000, while the car will have to be packed off to the Ferrari workshops in Maranello, in northern Italy, to be repaired.

At the Liberian Embassy, a diplomat answers the phone as though he has a knife to his neck. "Your research is very good," says an abrupt *chargé d'affaires*. "But my car is a Volvo."

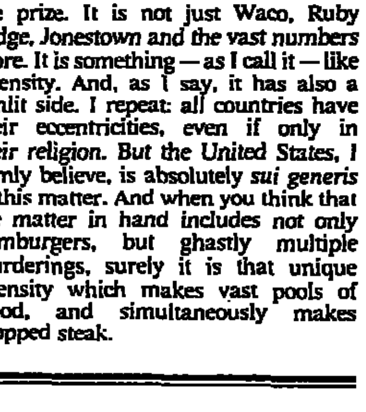
● *As the vulgar greed of London Underground's drivers brought London to a filthy standstill yesterday, London Transport's PR department announced a new range of Poems on the Underground. One of the poems soon to adorn the trains is called* Apology, *by Mimi Khalvati, while another work has been brought back by popular demand: Byron's* So we'll go no more a roving.

Who's write?

AT THE request of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, ski-lift partner of the Prince of Wales and according to this week's *Spectator*, an *haut intellectuel*, PHS is eating humble pie. I suggested the other day that, in the battle between her hot pants and her mind, the hot pants win every time.

As evidence, I related a story of her mistaking a soldier in the Life Guards for a man who patrols a beach. She has chastised me in newspaper and magazine columns for reproducing the story, explaining that she was in fact talking with David Hasselhof, the Nietzsche behind the breasts and beachwear series *Baywatch*. Those heavy-thighed sorts who dismiss her by her old nickname of "plank" are clearly just jealous.

For all her intelligence, however, the crispness of her prose in *The Spectator* yesterday surprised those who have encountered her across a *canapé* tray. A voice inside *The Spectator* confirmed that it is not all her own work but something of a cobbled-together effort. "We've created the Piltdown bimbo."



Hasselhof: beach Nietzsche

● *Advance notice reaches me of a fringe meeting to be held at this year's Tory party conference in Bournemouth. A buffet lunch will be served as delegates listen to an address entitled "Obesity: a plague for the 21st century — fat or fiction". The speaker is a Professor Michael Lean.*

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HOTSPUR'S HOUR

Portillo vs Clarke in the £4 billion defence stakes

The relief written all over Michael Portillo's face yesterday gave the lie to the pretence on all sides that in the battle preceding the award of £4 billion worth of defence contracts, he and Kenneth Clarke had spent the past few weeks merely firming up minor details. The core of the dispute was over the Treasury's determination to exact further cuts in defence as part of its search for across-the-board spending cuts this year.

The Chancellor would not have fought so strenuously to defer the announcement until the autumn had he not hoped that by folding consideration of them into the inter-departmental bargaining of the present public spending round, some orders could be put on indefinite hold and the costs of others heavily pruned.

Both militarily and politically, the Defence Secretary was on solid ground. When deep cuts were imposed on the defence budget two years ago under the Front Line First review, the Government promised the forces a period of stability and pledged that in return for efficiency savings, they would be vastly better equipped. Behind him were ranged the big guns of the British defence industry, together with numerous Tory MPs anxious about factories in their constituencies whose future depended on the decision. The Defence Select Committee, already indignant that last year's defence budget was reduced by more than £600 million after it had been approved, has made the unprecedented threat of refusing to recommend the 1996 White Paper to the House unless ministers rule out further defence cuts.

Yet when the Cabinet postponed its approval of the contracts last Tuesday, the Treasury had all but won. John Major's initial reaction was to tell the two men to sort it out between them — a decision that would have virtually guaranteed postponement. Given the personal and political rivalries between the two ministers, Mr Clarke's sleep will have been little troubled by the thought that cuts would seriously weaken Mr Portillo's position at Defence, in the Cabinet and in the party.

That would certainly have been the case. Mr Portillo has had some trouble winning the trust of the Services and their stalwart supporters on the Conservative back benches. He has only just emerged from a bruising battle over the privatisation of married quarters. He could ill afford to be publicly forced to retreat. His reputation as a heavy political hitter was on the line.

The decision to go ahead with all three orders not only snatches victory for Mr Portillo from the jaws of defeat; it brings relief to the forces, the defence industry and thousands of defence industry workers. The Government's estimate that 5,000 jobs will be created understates the employment impact; British Aerospace estimates that directly and indirectly, the £2 billion contract to replace the ageing Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft will create or sustain 10,000 jobs. These contracts are also critical to the success of Britain's drive to restore the competitiveness of the European defence industry by greater integration — a strategy which Mr Portillo has vigorously promoted. The award of a new RAF long-range missile to BAe-Matra means that French assent to a merger of the two companies' missile businesses is now assured — and with it, the way is cleared for their joint bid for the huge French state consortium, Thomson-CSF, soon to be privatised.

Mr Portillo was saved, however, only by the 11th-hour intervention of Michael Heseltine — who in most Cabinet line-ups is not the *deus ex machina* to whom the Defence Secretary would instinctively turn. The determining factor, as it always is with the Deputy Prime Minister, was the political arithmetic of jobs and votes. It is for the other, strategic reasons advanced by Mr Portillo that the Treasury deserved its defeat. But for the Defence Secretary, this crucial victory must be sweet at any price.

NETANYAHU'S OFFER

An Israeli initiative on Lebanon that deserves to prosper

The Middle East is alive with diplomatic activity. After David Levy and Yassir Arafat met on Tuesday, the leader of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) travelled to Damascus for talks with President Assad. Given the minimal contact between Syria and the PLO since 1983, when Mr Assad expelled Mr Arafat and encouraged factional revolt against him, their meeting is striking as the establishment of relations with Likud. Meanwhile, Mr Levy repeated his readiness for direct dialogue with the Syrians. As we report today, Binyanim Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has opened a new initiative on the Lebanon.

Perceptions of the new Israeli Government are changing fast. Having been castigated as an implacable opponent of peace, Mr Netanyahu is now being cast in some quarters as barely distinguishable from his predecessor, Shimon Peres.The Prime Minister is entitled to bemusement at these events. As his interview with *The Times* published today makes clear, he believes that he has been consistent. His stand on substantive issues, he credibly claims, is little different to what it was eight weeks ago when elected. If anything, Mr Natanyahu is perhaps concerned that all this reassessment has gone too far. While there are broad areas of agreement between Likud and Labour — on relations with Jordan and the need to work with the PNA — there is also a significant difference.

Mr Netanyahu does not believe in the principle of land-for-peace where Syria is concerned — not while that nation is in the grip of the Assad dictatorship. He does not favour trading the known security of the Golan Heights for the dubious promise of peaceful coexistence. Israel will engage in discussions with Damascus, certainly, but on the basis of peace-for-peace. Since it is unlikely that Mr Assad will do business on any terms short of total and unconditional control of the Golan, an impasse is likely.

In essence, Mr Netanyahu disputes Mr Assad's contention that no Middle East peace is possible without Syrian blessing. This line has been taken by successive US secretaries of state. It is doubtful whether shuttle diplomacy either by Mr Arafat or the Americans will alter his position. The danger for Israel lies not in what Syria might do directly but by the trouble it can create through its proxies in the Lebanon. The country is an effective protectorate of Damascus, with 35,000 Syrian troops on its soil. Hezbollah exists, and acts, largely on Mr Assad's say-so. Its resumed attacks on Israeli citizens earlier this year triggered a chain of events that nearly derailed the entire peace process.The distinctly patchy deal that was then supervised by Warren Christopher may not last. If Israel makes advances in talks with other parties, Syria may allow, indeed encourage, Hezbollah to resume rocket attacks in the belief that Israel will be forced to choose between a process that meets Mr Assad's demands or the risk of no peace at all.

Mr Netanyahu is seeking to pre-empt such blackmail with his "Lebanon First" offer, the withdrawal of Israel's occupying troops from southern Lebanon in return for the total disarmament of Hezbollah. It is a bold challenge — to Lebanon and its Western friends as well as Damascus. Every patch of ground gained for peace in the Middle East is precious. Mr Assad should be left in no doubt that this is an offer that Syria cannot sabotage without seriously compromising his claims to be serious about an overall settlement in the Middle East.

SHORT SHRIFT

Opposition spokespersons have to be team players

Like an adolescent staying out ever later at night, Clare Short has been testing the limits of Tony Blair's tolerance. Yesterday she found them. Having achieved the results he wanted in the Shadow Cabinet elections, the Labour leader decided to teach his colleagues a few lessons. Most in need of them was the Shadow Transport Secretary.

With precision timing, Ms Short had stormed out of a television interview the previous day because she was asked a question about the London Underground strike. Ostensibly she was angry because she had been led to believe that the discussion would be about a different railway line. But for the Opposition transport spokeswoman to refuse to answer transport questions on a southeast regional programme the day before a Tube strike beggars belief.

Ms Short is an engaging politician. Her personality is huge, her exuberance infectious. Politicians on both sides of the House like her and so do voters. They appreciate her honesty and enjoy listening to her say the unsayable. But parties are not simply collections of individuals. There is such a thing as collective responsibility, which has to be adhered to if Government and Opposition are to function tolerably well. Ms Short has breached this principle too many times for her to claim that it was accidental. If Labour is to have a chance of winning the next election, it must be united. This applies particularly to the front bench.

Her disagreement over the Tube strike was much more serious than those on cannabis or tax. Mr Blair and several of his colleagues had quite clearly said that the dispute should go to arbitration. This position had already been agreed in Shadow Cabinet. If new Labour is to stand for anything, it is for putting the interests of the consumer above those of the producer: in this case, backing the passengers not the striking drivers. Ms Short was not just visibly uncomfortable with this position. She could not even bring herself to support it on television. That will not do. If she cannot go along with a party line in Opposition, what will she be like in Government?

Ms Short is clearly furious with the way in which she has been demoted. She argues that because she came third in the Shadow Cabinet poll she deserves a senior job. But those elections, as ever, were rigged. Ms Short adds to the gaiety of British politics. If she could turn her energy to good purpose and learn some self-discipline, she could be a highly effective politician. In the meantime, she will have to content herself with Overseas Development. And there she should be safe: at least in that industry there are no trade unions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Scrapie and BSE link with humans?

From Dr Helen Grant

Sir, The transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), including BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy), scrapie, CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease) and kuru, are caused by a uniquely mysterious infective micro-organism, the "scrapie agent", which is poorly understood by scientists, let alone the general public.

This widespread ignorance has frequently produced misleading public pronouncements, a very common example of which is the statement, made by a member of the committee advising the Government on BSE, Professor Jeff Almond (report, July 23, later editions): "We know that scrapie, which has been around for centuries, poses no risk to humans." We know no such thing. What we know is that scrapie has never been shown to pose a risk to humans, a very different matter.

Before 1986, when our cattle were first infected with the ovine TSE called scrapie, and so developed bovine TSE, scrapie was the only reservoir of the "slow virus" from which humans could conceivably have been infected to develop CJD, the human TSE. The fact that we still lack proof of this route of infection does not exclude its existing.

In the UK it has always been traditional for abattoir workers routinely to leave the brains of sheep inside the skulls so that sheep's brains (unlike cattle brains before 1989) never went into our "meat products" but, remaining inside the skulls, infected our cattle with "BSE" instead. Not so with sheep spinal cords, however, which is why I stated in my evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Agriculture in June 1990 that those who always eat the spinal cord fragment out of the lamb chop (and who are genetically susceptible) will develop CJD after the usual long incubation period.

The sheep offal ban proposed by the Farm Commissioner, Franz Fischler (report, July 24), will result in these fragments of spinal cord, like the brains, being absent from our dinner plates and is entirely to be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. GRANT,
10 Antrim Grove, NW3.
July 24.

From Mr Aidan Harrison

Sir, It would be virtually impossible to find any British sheep amongst the millions now being sold for fresh meat which have consumed anything other than their mother's milk and grass.

The "theoretical risk" of BSE in sheep which are fed banned unnatural substances in a laboratory is no more relevant than the potential ill effect on the health of scientists and politicians if they were forced to eat grass.

Yours faithfully,
AIDAN HARRISON,
Morrelhirst, Netherwitton,
Morpeth, Northumberland.

Labour democracy

From Mr Mike Thomas

Sir, Gerald Kaufman's memory is at fault ("Labour's comedy of shadows", July 25). The arrangement whereby members of the Shadow Cabinet are entitled to Cabinet places in the event of a Labour victory was not one of "the democratic reforms imposed in the 1980s by the hard Left".

It was the recommendation of a broadly based working party of the Parliamentary Labour Party (of which I was myself a member) in which the Centre and Right had a majority.

It was born of a widespread revulsion in the PLP against the cronyism of Harold Wilson and his "kitchen Cabinet" in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Centre of the party allied with the Left at this period to reject the proposals which I and others in the PLP (many of whom subsequently left Labour to found the SDP) had made to select MPs and elect the leader by "one member one vote".

The former process now is hailed as the democratic foundation of "new Labour"; the latter is being stumbled towards as the party still struggles to extract itself from the undemocratic nonsense of the electoral college.

The Left did Labour enormous damage during this period but the stubborn resistance to change of the Labour establishment was one of their greatest allies.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE THOMAS
(MP for Newcastle upon
Tyne East: Labour, 1974-81;
SDP, 1981-83),
Milton Lodge,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.
July 25.

Stone of Scone

From Mr Peter G. Vasey

Sir, Mr Cowe's suggestion (letter, July 24) that the Stone of Destiny be deposited in Berwick-upon-Tweed is an excellent one — provided that Berwick, too, could be restored to Scotland, as it too was appropriated by Edward I in 1296.

Yours faithfully,
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July 24.

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Time to remedy the law's delays

From the Editor of The Western Mail

Sir, Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, is on the point of producing his report on the whole structure and procedure of the civil courts. Such a review will not be before time.

The Western Mail, along with three other newspapers, was recently involved in an interlocutory hearing in the Court of Appeal, in which a litigant in person was appealing against a striking-out order from a lower court. The case was listed to last a day.

But the proceedings which followed — with the judges involved appearing to have little concern for the time and cost of the hearing — horrified me. The appeal lasted into a second day which I consider should not have been necessary, and seriously increased the costs.

The case could, in my view, have been kept to one day if the court was set up to work a full business day and keep a focus on its *raison d'être*. But there were lengthy interruptions during the course of the day, and by 4.30pm, when the court rose, we were nowhere near finishing. There was no suggestion that we stay until the early evening to finalise matters, as would have happened in almost every other aspect of life; the nearest to it was the announcement that we would start early the following day — at 10am! The case eventually finished at 3.15pm on the second day and judgment was reserved.

Surely the courts need to have a much better regard for those involved in cases and the costs they are incurring. They need to be run in as efficient a way as possible — and not in a way that, in my opinion, recalls some of the worst inefficiencies and excesses of British industry in the 1950s and 1960s.

This is said not out of disrespect for the law and the judges involved — of course justice is paramount, and of course justice, ultimately, must be seen to be done — but in recognition of the commercial reality of the situation.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL FOWLER, Editor,
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July 24.

Court rules on naming defendants

From Mr D. J. Cassell

Sir, Editors of all sections of the media are giving encouragement, inadvertently, to those who would seek to ban the naming of defendants in criminal cases.

I refer to the fact that hardly a day passes when one does not read or hear that, for legal reasons, those under the age of 18 involved as defendants in proceedings in magistrates' or crown courts "cannot be named for legal reasons".

Unlike those under 18 appearing before youth courts, juveniles or young persons appearing before an adult court can be named unless the magistrate(s) or judge makes a Section 39 order under the Children & Young Persons Act 1933 imposing a ban on identification of a person under 18.

Quite often in cases involving those under 18 which lead to a feeling of disquiet among the public, offenders are not named in reports, although no indication is given as to the reason for this anonymity. Quite often it is because editors assume there is a blanket ban on identification, although my colleagues on the Law Board of the National Council for the Training of Journalists and myself are of the opinion that Section 39 orders are not made automatically and it is often ignorance of the law in this respect which leads editors to think there is an automatic ban.

If the media allows this misapprehension to be perpetuated, it may not be long before there is a campaign for a ban on naming all defendants unless the court makes a contrary order, on the grounds of discrimination against those aged over 18.

Yours etc,
D. J. CASSELL
(Chairman, Law Board),
National Council for the
Training of Journalists,
Latton Bush Centre,
Southern Way, Harlow, Essex.
July 23.

Women lawyers

From Miss Barbara Hewson

Sir, I read with interest the letter from the Chairman of the Bar (July 18) on what is being done to promote equality for women barristers.

The underlying problem (which Mr Penry-Davey does not acknowledge) lies, I feel, in the institutionalised complacency among those at the top: benchers of the Inns of Court who continue to operate like private men's clubs, senior QCs who see no reason to change the system of secret soundings, heads of chambers who see the equality code as "politically correct nonsense"; barristers' clerks who refuse to accept that discrimination is a problem; and so on.

I was involved in the Bar Council's equality initiatives from 1992 to 1995. It proved far from the plain sailing suggested by the Chairman's letter. I recall frequent opposition, behind the scenes, from those who refused to accept that there was any problem worth addressing, despite the growing body of evidence on discrimination.

Those attending this year's Bar conference, "Shaping the Future: the Way Forward for the Bar", will see that there is not a single woman barrister in private practice among the scheduled speakers. Even the panel on human rights is all-male. When is the Bar Council going to start putting theory into practice?

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
BARBARA HEWSON,
12 Gray's Inn Square,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
July 19.

Safety awards

From Sir Roger Moate,
MP for Faversham (Conservative)

Sir, Your obituary of James Tye (July 24; letter, July 25) threw considerable light on the achievements of this considerable personality. The British Safety Council, which he founded, has a very high profile, particularly with regard to the National Safety Awards which it gives to British industry.

However, it is only one of a number of such bodies, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. I am sure there are many who would see the advantage of there being just one major national organisation responsible for the principal industrial safety awards. This would surely enhance the status and value of such awards in this crucial field of industrial safety.

Perhaps this is the moment when those most directly concerned could consider how best this objective could be achieved.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER MOATE,
House of Commons.
July 25.

Is anybody there?

From Mr C. A. Latimer

Sir, Sir Isaiah Berlin tells us (article, July 19) that Bertrand Russell, when asked what he would say if confronted with God when dead, replied "I would say — well, why on earth didn't you give better evidence of your existence?"

To my mind, God could have very reasonably replied, "Come on, Russell, don't be stupid, you can do better than that. If I gave better evidence, how could I claim to be a God 'whose service is perfect freedom', which you will find in your Book of Common Prayer, if you ever read it?"

Russell is always given credit for huge intelligence, but sometimes one wonders.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. LATIMER,
3 The Street,
Melton, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
July 21.

Aldeburgh statue

From the President of the
Royal Society of British Sculptors

Sir, No one can argue with the fact that Benjamin Britten put Aldeburgh on the map as an international cultural centre. What may not immediately occur to the town councillors who oppose the erection of a statue to him (report, July 24) is what sort of contribution he made and continues to make to the financial health of their own community.

Local business and commerce benefit from the wealth brought by visitors who attend music festivals and inevitably some of this finds its way into improving the facilities and standard of living for the local population. Culture is not just good for the soul, it's good for the pocket too.

I hazard a guess that if Aldeburgh's councillors took 1 per cent of the money generated by the music festival they would have enough to build their bird table, plant their tree *and* commission sculpture to honour George Crabbe, Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson and Benjamin Britten.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE BLIK,
President,
Royal Society of British Sculptors,
Dora House,
108 Old Brompton Road, SW7.
July 25.

Olympic spirit

From Mr John Harris

Sir, Isn't it rather ripe of the British media to snipe at the transport difficulties at the Olympic Games in Atlanta (reports, July 23) whilst Londoners are continuing to experience travelling frustrations during the one-day Tube strikes?

Perhaps a few British medal successes will help us focus on the true spirit of the Olympic Games.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRIS,
46 Oakfield Road,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.
July 25.

An outsider in the saint stakes

From Mr David Gould

Sir, Mr and Mrs Cooper's well-intentioned letter about William Morris (July 23) would have drawn some pungent remarks from him. After leaving Oxford in 1856 Morris abandoned any thoughts of a career in the Church, and in middle life his political allegiance was towards communism. He became a professed agnostic.

Morris had immense energy and, after reading Marx, he threw himself wholeheartedly for some ten years into the communist cause, speaking at meetings all over the country. This amazed his friends, and many of them played down the matter after his death as a deplorable aberration. Nevertheless, his political work was as important a part of his life as his decorative work and his poetry.

As for Morris's "exemplary life", he was short-tempered, stamping and shouting, on one occasion throwing one of his incompetent workmen into a vat of green dye. And his wife had the table legs screwed to the floor to prevent him from restlessly overturning it during his heated rages. Bernard Shaw, as usual, must have had his tongue in his cheek when he suggested calling Morris a saint.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOULD,
Highcroft,
South Woodchester, Gloucestershire.
July 24.

Plans for Stonehenge

From Mrs Jack Hillier

Sir, In the past, on a long drive west, we would stop near Stonehenge for a picnic breakfast and marvel at its solitary mystery.

It therefore seems a cruel celebration of the millennium to build a £65 million theme park there (report, July 20) under the aegis of English Heritage.

Each year police are used to keep "travellers" away, but now 1.8 million visitors are to be welcomed.

Sincerely,
MARY HILLIER,
30 Clarence Road,
Meadville, Redhill, Surrey.
July 20.

The sound and the fury

From Mr Kelvin Nel

Sir, As a cinema manager I wholeheartedly agree with Geoff Brown (article, Arts, July 23) that some film soundtracks can combine a high decibel level with a low standard of clarity and audibility. But I dispute his assertion that "in Britain we are more likely to follow the bad habit of suffering in silence".

It is a myth that the British public don't complain. However cinemas, as exhibitors, are the middle men.

The director and/or distributor order us to play their films at particular sound levels, which often deafen our audiences. We get the complaints, but the people who need to be told to be quiet are the distributors.

Yours sincerely,
KELVIN NEL, Manager,
The Plaza, Lower Regent Street, SW1.
July 23.

Title deeds

From Mr John Elworthy

Sir, Brian MacArthur's summary of Fleet Street's campaign to reinstate the title HRH to the Princess of Wales (article, Media and Marketing, July 24) caused me to wonder why the fourth estate shouldn't declare UDI and continue to refer to her as Her Royal Highness. Apart from banishment to the Tower I can see little the Palace could do.

At the very least those of us who enjoy such melées could look forward to a truly majestic summer of discontent.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ELWORTHY,
The Chequers Country Inn,
Eriswell, Suffolk.
July 24.

Trade descriptions

From Mr Thomas McLaughlin

Sir, Flight Officer Mark Ashford's views (letter, July 22) may be near "the leading edge" but, were I his passenger, I should prefer them to be based on hands-on experience.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS McLAUGHLIN,
4 Munro Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow.
July 22.

From Mr Simon Mace

Sir, As a wine broker I suppose my views might be described as "scraping the barrel" or reflecting those heard "on the grapevine".

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
SIMON MACE,
15 Cheyne Walk, SW3.
July 22.

From Mr Paul R. Rawson

Sir, An accountant's view is "balanced", a farmer's "down to earth", a judge's "determined", a pugilist's "challenging".

Yours faithfully,
PAUL R. RAWSON,
Springwood, Audlem, Cheshire.
July 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 25: Mr Peter Hartley was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Serjeant-at-Arms and Secretary, Lord Chamberlain's Office.

His Excellency Mr Benjamin Masilo was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Kingdom of Lesotho in London.

Mrs Masilo was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Sir Peter Gregson (former Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry) was received by Her Majesty.

Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Sultanate of Oman visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to Luncheon.

The Prince of Wales was present.

The following were invited: His Excellency Mr Hussain Ali Abdullatif (Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman), Brigadier Timothy Landon (Personal Adviser to The Sultan of Oman), Sir John Coles, Mr Richard Muir and Major-General Patrick Cordingley.

The Rt Hon Gregory Knight MP was received by Her Majesty and delivered up his Wand of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Treasurer of the Household.

Mr Andrew MacKay MP was received by The Queen and delivered up his Wand of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Vice-Chamberlain of the Household and received from Her Majesty his Wand of Office upon his appointment as Treasurer of the Household.

Mr Derek Conway MP was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Vice-Chamberlain of the Household and received from Her Majesty his Wand of Office.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales was present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of The Life Guards and The Royal Logistic Corps played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member and Past President of Marylebone Cricket Club, this morning attended the Test Match between England and Pakistan at Lord's Ground, London NW8.

His Royal Highness, President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this evening gave a Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

By Command of The Queen, Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency U Hla Maung at 19A Charles Street, London W1, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Union of Myanmar (Burma) to the Court of St James's.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 25: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Valley, this morning received Group Captain David Ray upon relinquishing his appointment as Officer Commanding, and Group Captain Martin Jones upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Valley, afterwards received Flight Lieutenant Egryn Huskisson and presented him with The Prince of Wales Trophy, which is awarded annually for tactical navigation and weaponry.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr Andrew MacKay MP as Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household and Mr Derek Conway MP as Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new business school at Buckingham University at 11.10.

Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a Summer reception held yesterday at Westminster Council House.

Dinner

Fruiterers' Company
Mr Michael Tanguy, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual summer court dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall. The Rev Nigel Abbott, Honorary Chaplain, and Mr Ian Rainford also spoke.

During the evening the Master presented the company fruit awards to Mr Henry Bryant (Cherry Class) and to Mr Simon Brice and Mr Peter Brice (Soft Fruit Class).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Field, composer, Dublin, 1782; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politician, London, 1802; Alfred Marshall, economist, London, 1842; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Dublin, 1856; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Tver, Russia, 1874; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Kesswyl, Germany, 1875; André Maurois, novelist and biographer, Elbeuf, France, 1885; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Godalming, Surrey, 1894; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, London, 1895; Paul Gallico, novelist, New York, 1897; Salvador Allende, President of Chile 1970-73, Valparaiso, 1908.

DEATHS: John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, 1680; Thomas Osborne, Duke of Leeds, statesman, Easton, Northamptonshire, 1712; John Friend, physician and politician, London, 1728; Samuel Houston, 1st President of the Republic of Texas 1836-8 and 1841-4, Huntsville, Texas, 1863; George Borrow, writer, Oulton, Suffolk, 1881; Sir James Murray, philologist, Oxford, 1915; William Jennings Bryan, political orator, Dayton, Tennessee, 1925; Benjamin Whorf, anthropologist, Wetherfield, Connecticut, 1941; George Gallup, pioneer of public opinion polls, Switzerland, 1984.

New York became the 11th state of the union, 1788.

After a Labour landslide in the general election, Clement Attlee became Prime Minister, 1945.

King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated, 1952.

Calls to the Bar

Trinity Term 1996
Call Day: July 25

Lincoln's Inn

Miss P Ramsewak, Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius; Miss E L Reid-Chalmers, North Ferriby, Yorks; C M Abraham, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey; M Mannish, Bushey, Herts; Miss Quek Gwang Hwa, Singapore; E I Collie, Nassau, Bahamas; Sathinathan s/o Karuppiah, Singapore; S Sivasubramaniam, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Miss Lim Hwee Bin, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia; J W Baggs, Southampton; Tan Kong Yam, Melaka, Malaysia; Miss M Lee Chung Ching, Sabah, Malaysia; Miss S N Abdul Ghafor, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei; Miss S Cheung, Bingham, Notts; Miss F Chan Foong Ling, Singapore; V Yong Wai Bun, Singapore; M S Merican, Selangor, Malaysia; Miss T Pushparasah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; K Hussain, Birmingham; Miss A S Attygale, Colombo, Sri Lanka; R Ratnasingam, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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In absentia
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Birthdays today

Sir Peter Carey, former Permanent Secretary, DTI, 73; Mrs Pauline Clare, Chief Constable of Lancashire, 49; Mr Blake Edwards, film director and producer, 74; Sir Peter Hall, diplomat, 58; Mr J.W. Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, 57; Miss Barbara Jefford, actress, 66.

Dr John Kilgour, former director of prison medical services, Home Office, 72; Mr Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 68; Professor James Lovelock, scientist, 77; Dr Brian Mawhinney, chairman of the Conservative Party, 56; Miss Helen Mirren, actress, 51; Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, 66; Mr Lance Percival, actor and singer, 63; Professor Sir Keith Peters, physician, 58; Sir Frank Price, former chairman, British Waterways Board, 74; Sir Derek Riches, diplomat, 84; Mr A.M.F. (Sandy) Ross, former managing-director, Mary Quant, 65; Mr Kenneth Snowman, antiquarian, 77; Mr M.H.W. Wells, former chairman, Charterhouse Japhet, 69; Dr Anne Wright, Vice-Chancellor, Sunderland University, 50.

Mick Jagger, Rolling Stones singer, is 53 today

Girdlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Girdlers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Sir Gordon Pirie; Upper Warden, Mr D.R.L. James; Middle Warden, Mr A.R. Westall; Renter Warden, Mr S.V. Straker.

Archaeologists win in 'blind' test

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have come through a test designed to show the accuracy of their methods of investigation.

The experiment, which has taken two years, was conducted by Lancaster University's archaeological unit, and sponsored by the BBC.

The BBC arranged for Old Abbey Mill Farm in Cheshire, a building with presumed medieval origins, to be examined before the site was used as landfill. The experiment was designed to find out whether traditional excavation techniques and interpretation of data produced accurate details about archaeological sites and their previous uses.

Old Abbey Farm was dismantled, and the site then excavated. Two teams worked "blind", each not knowing the other's techniques and results, and without access to historical documents. One team dismantled the house and attempted to date it from the building style, materials and construction techniques, then the other team came in to dig.

The excavators uncovered the foundations and any other buried materials, and had to describe the building, its age and use. Both teams concluded that Old Abbey Farm had once been an important medieval moated manor, a conclusion supported by the historical documents. "Thankfully the results confirm that the methods upon which most modern archaeology is based are broadly sound," Jason Wood, the unit's assistant director, said.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Anne Brookfield, Senior Curate, St Stephen w St Aidan, Acomb, York (York): to be Priest-in-charge/Team Vicar designate, St James, Preston (Blackburn).

The Rev Robert Brunswick, Rector, Croston: to be also Bishop's Adviser on Health Ministry (Blackburn).

The Rev Kevin Crinks, Assistant Curate, St Peter and St Paul, Aylesford (Rochester): to be Assistant Curate, Hessle (York).

The Rev Patricia Davies, Honorary Curate, Holy Cross, Fenham: to be Honorary Priest-in-charge, St Hugh, Gosforth (Newcastle).

The Rev Alan Fishwick, Vicar, St Andrew, Accrington: to be Vicar, St Aidan, Mill Hill, Blackburn (Blackburn).

The Rev Michael Harris, Chaplain, University of Central England, Birmingham: to be also Dean of Non-Stipendiary Ministry (Birmingham).

The Rev Jonathan Kester, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Cheshunt (St Albans): to be Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Edmonton and Honorary Assistant Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square (London).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Eccles and Miss W.L. Man
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr Bernard Eccles and of Mrs Alice Eccles, of Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorkshire, and Wai Ling, eldest daughter of the late Mr Leung Lok Man and of Mme Lan Mok, of Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Mr A.M.I. Jones and Miss P.J. Seckington
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Jones, of Dorrington, Lincolnshire, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Seckington, of Langham, Rutland.

Mr G.T. Kime and Miss E.K. Potter
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of the Rev Thomas and Mrs Kime, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Potter, of Compton, West Sussex.

Mr E.C.G. Miller and Miss M.C. Royde
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Miller, of Beckenham, Kent, and Melissa, elder daughter of Mr Michael Royde, of London, and Mrs Penelope Royde, of Goodrich, Herefordshire.

Mr J.G.W. Portway and Miss F. Magee
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr N.W. Portway and Mrs S.M. Noakes, of Combs, Suffolk, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Magee, of Dublin, Ireland.

Mr C.E.R.C. Rhodes and Miss C.L.C. Dolby
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Colonel Sir Basil and Lady Rhodes, of Baslow, Derbyshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H.C. Dolby, of Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.H. Ward and Miss A.J. Spindler
The engagement is announced between Roger Hamilton, younger son of the late Mr John Hamilton Ward and of Mrs Peggy Ward, of Findon Valley, West Sussex, and Alison Jane, younger daughter of Mr Kenneth Spindler and the late Mrs Elsie Spindler, of Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. The marriage will take place on September 14, 1996, in St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.

Mr R.R.J. Whitelaw and Miss S.E. Barraclough
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mrs Elizabeth Whitelaw, of London, and Sally, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Barraclough, of Mirfield, Yorkshire.

School news

Winchester House School, Brackley, Northamptonshire
The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr J.R.G. Griffith of Windlesham House School to the Headmastership of Winchester House School, from the beginning of September 1997 upon the retirement of Mr D.R. Speight after twenty two years.

Blacksmiths' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Blacksmiths' Company for the ensuing year:

Prime Warden, Mr Rodney Lyons; Renter Warden, Mr Timothy S. Herring; Fourth Warden, Mr James Latham; Third Warden, Mr Clifford S.B. Champion.

Weavers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Weavers' Company for the ensuing year:

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BIRTHS

BAINES - Jonathan Michael Martin, born 23rd July 1996, to Richard and Michelle (Miss Clarke). Thanks to all at Epsom Hospital.

BARNES - Ian and Kathryn (née Moules) are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful son Adam James George, on 24th July 1996.

BARRY - Robyn Isabel, a beautiful baby girl, born 7.42pm 19th July 1996 at The London Hospital, to Paul and Lesley. The proudest parents alive.

BOWLBY - On July 18th 1996, to Mylanna (née Colyer) and Benjamin, a son, Roderick Peter.

DUFFY - On 23rd July 1996, to Lorraine (née Daley) and Sean, a son, Niall Patrick, a brother for Rory. Congratulations, watch out world the Duffy's have done it again. Our very best wishes love the Sargents.

DUNCAN - On July 16th 1996, to Amanda (née Evans) and Andrew, a daughter, Beatrice Rose Francesca, a sister for Isobel and Thomas.

HOWARD - On July 25th, to Janice and Andrew, a daughter, Isabella Constance Eliot, a sister for Benedict.

JAMES - Robert Dean on July 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura and Ethan James.

JELLEY - On 24th July 1996 in Auckland, NZ, to Michael and Rosalind (née Mackrill), a son, Edward Martyn, a brother for Thomas and Rebecca.

LJUNGGREN-THOMSEN - On 22nd July 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Lillian Thomsen and David Ljunggren, an angelic daughter, Rachel Susan.

MACDONALD - On 7th July, to Mary (née Connolly) and James, a son, Robert.

BIRTHS

MALLINSON - On 20th June 1996, to Helen (née Powell) and Michael, a son, Saul Antony Terence, a brother for Lui and Rosanna.

PILLMAN - On July 21st at Plymouth, to Toshi and Rowly, a daughter, Florence.

DEATHS

ALLEN-FROST - Peter at home in Israel after a long illness on 19th July aged 54. Journalist and Broadcaster for Kol Israel, ITN, IRN, Sky TV News, ABC News and SABC. Will be sadly missed by his wife Tammi, family in Israel and England and many friends around the world. Funeral has taken place.

BANKS - On 20th July, peacefully at home in Bath, Margaret Annie aged 94 years. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service on Tuesday 30th July at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, at 3.30pm. Flowers and enquiries to E. Hooper & Son, tel: (01225) 422040.

BLACKABY - Peter Norman of Walton-on-Thames, died suddenly in his 76th year, whilst on holiday in Polruan on July 23rd 1996. Father of Dorothy, Oliver and Stephen; grandfather of Anna, Joshua, Luke and William; widower of Daphne (née Biles, formerly Haly) and Margaret (née Sandry). Much loved and already terribly missed. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 3 pm, Friday August 2nd. Flowers to F.W. Chitty, (01932) 842220. Messages c/o Oliver, 13 Archibald Road, London N7. Goodbye and God bless.

DEATHS

BUCHAN - On July 24th peacefully in his sleep at All Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham, Stevenson Buchan CBE, PhD, FRSE, FGS, in his 90th year, beloved husband of Barbara, dear father of Anne and Stuart. Funeral Service private, family flowers only. Donations if desired for All Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham, c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, tel: (01603) 760787. Thanksgiving Service later. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well"

BUSWELL - Peter Croft on July 15th after a short illness, suddenly at Stillington Hall, Gloucester Mass., USA. Much loved by Barbara, Pamela, Gerald and Leslie.

CLIBBORN - Donovan Harold CMG, suddenly in Barcelona, Spain, on 24th July 1996. Former HM Consul General Barcelona and HM Ambassador San Salvador. Loving husband of Victoria (and of the late Margaret "Meg" née Nelson), beloved father of John, Isabel and Enrica and loved grandfather. Private family funeral service will take place in Barcelona on Friday 26th July.

CORK - Barbara, of The Lee, Great Missenden, Bucks, peacefully on July 23rd after a long struggle against cancer. A much loved wife and mother. Funeral Service at the Church of St John the Baptist, The Lee, Great Missenden, Bucks, on Monday next July 29th at 4pm followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Cancer Research Campaign c/o Mr John Trotter, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL.

DEATHS

DOLESE ELSTON - Ardith Carlene Gosat Dolese Elston, born May 7th, 1917 in Idaho, passed away July 14th, 1996 in Oklahoma City, after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Elston; and her children, Pamela Reckers and husband Jim; Paul Douglas Dolese and wife Terry; Penny Park and husband Jerry and their 2 children, Ross and Whit; Peter Dolese and son Roger; Prenda Briggs and husband Jim and their 3 children, Joseph, Connor and Emily; Paula Rochell and husband Ronnie and their 2 children, Tyler and Colby; Patrick Dolese and wife Stefanie and their child, Stefan. A private service will be held.

FIELD - Philip Alexander Gordon OBE (Sandy) on 14th June 1996 missing, believed dead, on a solo flight in Kenya. Much loved by his sister Philippa and by his many friends. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held in Nanyuki on 17th July.

HAWKINS - Mick on 22nd July suddenly. Wonderful husband of Zilla and adored father of Alice, Hannah, Martha, Matilda, William and Rupert. Beloved by all who knew him. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Road, SW7, on Tuesday 30th July at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Memorial Service to be announced. Romans 8:38-39.

HOLLINGS - John, very suddenly on 23rd July 1996, aged 73 years. Much loved husband of Margaret, father of Helen, Elizabeth, Stephen and Caroline and grandfather of Christine, Matthew, Anna and Emma. Service of Thanksgiving on Monday 29th July at 2 pm at St John the Baptist, Hartford, Cheshire, followed by a private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to the British Heart Foundation or St Luke's (Mid Cheshire) Hospice. Enquiries Nagle Brothers tel: (01606) 852165.

DEATHS

JONES - On July 23rd peacefully in hospital in Leeds aged 72 years, Glanville Rees Jeffreys Jones, Emeritus Professor of the University of Leeds. Loving husband of Pamela, dear father of Sarah and David and grandfather of Jonathan and Christopher. Service at St Margaret's Church, Horsforth, Leeds, on Monday July 29th at 2.15pm, prior to cremation at Rawdon. Family flowers only by request but if desired donations in lieu may be made to Asthma Research Council, 300 Upper Street, London N1 2XX.

MERRY - On 22nd July 1996 Elizabeth Barbara of Wingham, nr. Canterbury, aged 81 years, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service takes place at Barham Crematorium on Wednesday July 31st at 11.30 am. Flowers to C.W. Lyons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

PAYNE - Phyllis, peacefully after a short illness on 23rd July 1996 aged 81 years. Beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral: Trinity Church, Hindes Road, Harrow, 31st July 2 pm. David, Penny and Felicity.

PRESTON - On July 22nd in Harrogate, Frances Betty aged 88 years, widow of Col. Tom Preston CBE, MC, TD. A much loved stepmother and aunt. Service at St Peter's Church, Harrogate on Monday 5th August at 2.15pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Yorkshire Association for Disabled People, 7-9 Harlow Oval, Harrogate. Enquiries Swainsons (01423) 504571.

RITCHIE - Suddenly on 23rd July, Paul Fraser Ritchie, beloved husband of Diana Maxine Ritchie, loving father of Portia Innes Ritchie and delighted grandfather of Lydia Diana Ritchie. Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday August 1st 11.30am. Funeral Directors Ernest Lerner & Sons, (0171) 223-5432.

DEATHS

ROGERS - Michael Yeates Rogers MC, on July 24th peacefully at home aged 80. Much loved husband of Joan and father of Michelle, Gabrielle and Nicholas. Family Service at Aldershot Crematorium 2 pm August 1st. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to The Children's Hospice c/o Spencer & Peyton, 380 Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 5DZ. Memorial Service 2.45 pm 19th August at St Mary's Church, Old Basing.

BUHLE - Elsa Louise, Feather Specialist to the Theatre, died on Monday 22nd July in the Royal Brompton Hospital. Funeral Service on Tuesday 6th August at noon at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Royal Brompton Hospital, Respiratory Unit, Fulham Road, SW3.

WESTROPE - Janet very suddenly and peacefully on 22nd July 1996. Most adored wife of David, proud and treasured Mummy of Natalie and Lysette, much loved daughter of Len and Mavis and daughter-in-law of Dennis and Dulcie. Sorely missed sister of Linda, Charles, Karen, Richard, Robert and Dorothy. Cherished Auntie to Jeremy and Sarah, and much missed friend at Westrope Wholesale News and Newsco Software. Service at St Nicholas Church, High Hadden Road, Glatton, on Tuesday 30th July 1996 at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Enquiries to John Lucas Funeral Directors, 31 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough, PE1 3AE. Tel: (01733) 61128.

DEATHS

WILCOX - On July 24th in hospital after a courageous fight, Harry aged 74 of West Wickham, Kent. Beloved father of Amanda, Sandra and Debbi and adored grandad to Rebecca, Charlotte and Olivia. The funeral service will be on Friday August 2nd at 2 pm at Beckenham Crematorium, Kent. Family flowers only. Donations, cheques only please to Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, (0181) 777-8099.

WILLIS - Peacefully in hospital on 17th July, in his 91st year, His Honour John Brooke, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A private cremation has already taken place.

WOODMAN - Suddenly on 23rd July Reginald George Woodman CBE, aged 67. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Geoffrey, Margaret and Timothy and grandfather of William, Oliver, Christina and James. Funeral at Chewton Mendip Church, Somerset, on Saturday 3rd August at 11am. All are welcome. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the British Lung Foundation to Bryan G. Bishop Funeral Service, Hallatrow Road, Paulton, Bristol.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

CARR - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lt. Col. Henry Ralph Carr DSO, MBE, will be held at Halton Church, near Corbridge, Northumberland, on Friday 2nd August at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to the Ex Services Mental Welfare Society, Broadway House, Wimbledon, SW19 1RL or the Priory School Sensory Garden Fund c/o Mrs S.J. Ramsey, Roecliffe, Corbridge, NE45 5RZ.

RASCH - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major Sir Richard Rasch Bt will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on Wednesday 16th October at 12 noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets and if required a car pass to The Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ by 2nd October 1996. Tickets will be issued after that date.

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SIR DAVID NICOLSON

Sir David Nicolson, company chairman and former MEP, died on July 19 aged 73. He was born on September 20, 1922.

DAVID NICOLSON laid the foundations for the present-day British Airways when, as chairman of the BA Board 1971-75, he welded the former British European Airways and the British Overseas Airways Corporation into one company. The job was among the most testing of that era. The two airlines were riven by rivalries and each contained its share of prima donnas.

Headhunted for his management skills by John Davies, then Trade and Industry Secretary in the Heath Government. Nicolson himself had no experience of the industry and had to lean on the expertise of his subordinates.

Moreover, he lacked support from Whitehall, which sometimes seemed more concerned to bury him than to praise his achievements. Nicolson had to put up with continual interference — not least from the Aerospace Minister, Michael Heseltine, who gave him an unhappy time. Yet, despite these difficulties, Nicolson succeeded. The verdict of his industrial contemporaries was that no one could have made a better job of it.

While his role at BA raised Nicolson's public profile, he was already a leading captain of British industry with an increasing collection of directorships. Originally, however, he had signed on for a career in the Royal Navy.

Born in London, David Lancaster Nicolson was the son of a Canadian engineer, whose own father had migrated to Nova Scotia from a Scottish farm. David's father had crossed to Britain in the First World War, left for Russia to advise the Tsar on mining projects and then returned at the time of the Bolshevik revolution. Nicolson's early life was hardly less eventful.

Forced to leave Haileybury School when his father lost his sight, and consequently his income, he won a place at St Paul's and then another at Imperial College London. While he was there, his father was killed when their home was bombed, but the young Nicolson went on to take a degree in engineering and then signed on for 11 years in the Royal Navy. Commissioned into the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors he served as a damage control officer in ships and submarines in the North Atlantic and Russian convoys, repairing and helping to salvage stricken vessels.

Dispatched to Normandy on D-Day, he did similar work for the American landing on Omaha Beach — and subsequently in other harbours as the Allies advanced on Berlin. He was wounded three times during the landings and was mentioned in dispatches for carrying out repairs under fire. But he was also so appalled by the carnage that it made him a lifelong advocate of a united Europe.

Despite his early ambitions, and indeed his original contractual obligations, Nicolson left the Navy as its numbers were cut back after the war. He went to work for a succession of different firms, including Vickers, Bucyrus-Erie in Milwaukee (his father's old company) and Production-Engineering (later to become the PE Group). Joining Production-Engineering in 1953, he stayed with them for 15 years, becoming chairman, in 1963.

By now a management consultant and analyst with a rising reputation, Nicolson's interests grew steadily. His many chairmanships were to include those of BTR, 1969-84, Rothmans International, 1975-84, and VSEL (Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering), 1986-87. He was knighted in 1975.

Working from his own office in the West End, he also served on a number of professional bodies like the Council of the CBI and the America European Community Association, which he founded in 1981 and which reflected his passion for global co-operation. His enthusiasm for Europe was demonstrated by his election as the Conservative MEP for London Central in 1979. But in spite of his large majority he resigned from it after five years — exasperated apparently by its bureaucracy.

He wrote extensively on manufacturing and management and lectured all over the world. Although believing in the profit motive and what he called the "discipline of the stock market", he was in many ways an idealist with progressive views on industrial relations. He once pointed out that some 60 per cent of the chairmen of continental companies with a technological base had themselves got technical degrees compared with only 12 per cent in Britain.

His experience as an MEP seemed only to deepen his scepticism about politicians and he criticised both parties for interfering in the management of state-owned industries. His great hero was Napoleon and one of his favourite quotes was that one bad general was preferable to two good ones. Nicolson remained intensely proud of his Canadian connection and in 1992 he led the appeal which resulted in the unveiling of a Canadian War Memorial in Green Park.

He retired from most of his directorships the following year. An accomplished stand-off half and wicketkeeper in his youth, he had few outside intellectual interests in later life and found it hard to adjust to the routine of a retired businessman.

His first wife Joan, whom he met on the Normandy beaches where she was a theatre sister in a field hospital, died in 1991 after 46 years of marriage. The next year he married his second wife Beryl, widow of Sir Gerald Thorley, former chairman of Allied Breweries.

David Nicolson, who died after suffering a stroke in church while attending the funeral of a close friend, is survived by her and by a son and two daughters of his first marriage.

HANS FELLNER

Hans Fellner, consultant to Christie's and bookseller, died in London from cancer on July 18 aged 71. He was born in Vienna on June 13, 1925.

HANS FELLNER was the mainstay of Christie's book department for the last twenty years, as cataloguer, department head and latterly as consultant. Although he had no literary degree or formal training in bibliography, paleography or art history, his expert opinion on all manner of manuscripts and printed books was frequently sought and widely respected.

He wrote no books or scholarly articles; but to connoisseurs his name will remain linked to Papal Countess Dohney's medieval manuscripts, Renaissance illumination by Nicholaus Glockendon, Lord Bute's English liturgy, John Evelyn's library, poetical manuscripts by Heinrich Heine, autograph music by Richard Wagner, several collections attesting Arthur Houghton's bibliophily, and numerous other properties that have gone through the salerooms, despite the traditional anonymity of Christie's catalogues. He also had a large hand in negotiating private treaty sales of historical, political and family archives to the nation, a lesser known activity of the auction houses.

Before joining Christie's in 1976, under the mistaken impression that the saleroom would be less wearing on a weak heart than the trade and might involve less travel, Hans Fellner had been a successful antiquarian bookseller in Bloomsbury for almost 25 years, first in the employment of David Nutt and from the mid-1950s independently. He concentrated especially on books in the history of economics, which he continued to to collect long after vacating his upstairs shop. (Political economic theory was a lifelong interest, his own leanings moving from extreme leftwing as middle age approached.)

His catalogues were physically modest productions but their descriptions were both learned and commercial; his best clients were university libraries, mostly in the United States. This was also the time of regular Saturday teas with E. Ph. Goldschmidt, the binding historian and already legendary bookseller, usually after a visit to the British Museum Library. Both were Viennese Jews, deeply Anglophile but for some reason never giving up their nationality (the older Goldschmidt, a Cambridge graduate and permanently established in London since the early Twenties, carried a Dutch passport, Fellner remained Austrian).

Hans Fellner, aged 13, came to this country in the charitable programme of *Kindertransporte*, the so-called "children's train", organised from offices at Bloomsbury House. His father had first been a banker, then cultural attaché at the French Embassy in Vienna; his mother was a doctor of philosophy. Both parents — albeit separated — survived the war, living in France. The step from *Akademisches Gymnasium* to Smethwick Grammar School was easily made, and during the war young Fellner went on to read engineering at Birmingham.

Until his entry into the book trade, he held a number of miscellaneous jobs to support his young family. Important German and Austrian *émigré* bookdealers in England and on America's East and West coasts were ten to forty years older than Hans Fellner and had already been well established before the war. Breslauer, Eiseman, Rosenthal and others in London, Kraus, Schab, Ranschburg and others in New York no doubt inspired Fellner, but most knew him or did business with him only after he joined Christie's. Unlike Fellner, none of them ever gave up his independence to join a main auction house and few, if any, really mastered or cared to learn the field of English or American literature. Fellner's remarkable career in literary research and commerce, therefore, cannot be viewed in their perspective and remains unique.

Hans Fellner was always ready to give expert advice to anyone who asked, both inside and outside Christie's. And many did ask, aware of the amazing range of his knowledge and of the total honesty of his answers. He knew very well himself of whom to ask a specialist opinion and his painstaking modesty stood him in good stead. However, he also had a sure ability to deflate conceit. His smile was as gentle as his nature and nearly always present. He was universally liked, and by his colleagues and friends clearly adored. His sense of humour tended to a keen appreciation of the absurd. He had a passion for classical music, and loved good food and wine.

His third marriage was lasting and happy. He leaves a widow, Sheila Ramage, and a son and daughter from previous marriages.

JOYCE BUCK

Joyce Buck, American actress and interior designer, died in Santa Monica, California, on July 13 aged 71. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 17, 1925.

THE life of Joyce Buck was inextricably bound up with the larger diaspora of Hollywood directors and producers to Europe which took place during the 1950s as a result of Joseph McCarthy's red-baiting. Joyce Buck was married, for fifty years, to the producer Jules Buck. Neither was ever accused of being a Communist, but both felt that the atmosphere in Hollywood had become so soured and tainted that the only civilised course was to go and live in Europe.

During the 1960s Joyce Buck was regarded as one of the most glamorous women in London. She had dark hair, which was highlighted by a distinguished white streak, and deep brown eyes. She was elegantly dressed, often in *haute couture*. Complementing her husband's work, she became a sounding board to many people in the industry, men like John Huston, whose daughter Anjelica was about the same age as her own daughter. That daughter, Joan Juliet Buck, went on to be Editor of French *Vogue*. Later Joyce Buck developed her own career as an interior designer in London and California.

Joyce Ruth Getz, as she was before her marriage, was born in Chicago but brought up in New York City, where her father, a businessman, had moved the family. She attended the Professional Children's School and was acting from the age of nine under the stage name of Gates, working both in the theatre and on radio. One of the plays in which she appeared, *Franklin Street*, introduced her to her best friend, Betty (Lauren) Bacall. They were both Conover girls — the top agency for fashion models — and Joyce appeared on the cover of magazines such as *Charm*.

She left for Hollywood with a studio contract at the age of 18. Because of her strong colouring, she was often cast as a gypsy girl. Then, at the same time as her friend Bacall met Humphrey Bogart, Joyce met Jules Buck, a US Army captain. In peacetime he reverted to his job in the film industry as a producer at 20th Century Fox. They were married in 1945, after which her film career stalled — not something she much regretted as she was never inordinately ambitious for fame.

In 1952 the Bucks moved to Paris, where her husband worked in films, and then came to London in 1957. The following year, Buck began his long working partnership with Peter O'Toole, with whom he founded Keep Films. His productions from this period included *Becket* and *The Ruling Class*. In her home in Belgravia Joyce Buck entertained many of the great names from London's theatrical and film community.

In some respects, London had the effect of bringing her closer to her American roots. She became involved with Democrats Abroad, which she co-chaired (with Toby Hyde) and which campaigned in London for George McGovern and Jimmy Carter during the 1972 and 1976 presidential elections. She was also involved with the Royal Court Theatre.

At the same time her interior design business was taking off. When she and her husband moved back to California in 1980, she designed homes for Coral Browne and Vincent Price, Mrs William Wyler and Sam Jaffee.

Her taste was bold, and she favoured large, imposing pieces of furniture (as a bride, she had brought her own massive 17th-century examples from a sale at the home of William Randolph Hearst). Tactful but firm in steering a client away from anything ugly, she would usually gain her way by regarding the offending object innocently, and asking: "Did you *really* like that lamp?" She continued learning and giving impeccable guidance to those around her. Two days before her death she was helping her daughter on the proofs for the September edition of French *Vogue*.

Joyce Buck is survived by her husband and daughter.

TERTIUS METCALF

Tertius Metcalf, businessman, died from cancer on June 22 aged 63. He was born on December 23, 1932.

TERTIUS METCALF was a larger than life character. With his curious combination of an eclectic intellect, a profound piety, a sartorial fastidiousness and a tendency towards misogyny, he often seemed to belong to a world whose time had passed.

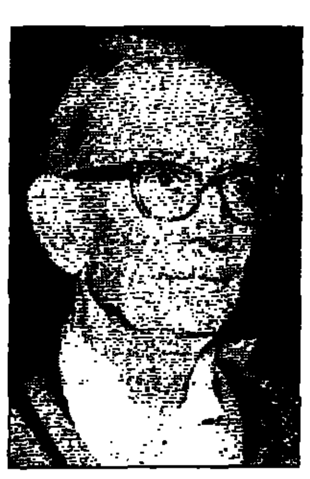
A layman with a tremendous devotion to the Roman Catholic faith, he was a Brother of the Little Oratory, an institute founded by St Philip Neri in 1552 so that "merchants, physicians, lawyers and courtiers, reached a high degree of spirituality, leading in the midst of their temporal occupations a life as pure and devout as the most fervent religious in their monasteries".

As a member of this brotherhood he could be found fulfilling such functions as carrying the great cross at the head of the majestic Corpus Christi procession in London's Brompton Oratory. But he also made a jovial companion to his fellow brothers as his conversation flitted from heraldry to the topography of London, from racehorses to the liturgy of the Mass.

However, he did not find the company of women so congenial. In immaculate suit and red carnation he was a familiar figure at the Travellers Club and the Reform. But he disapproved of female membership of these clubs, though in the end he admitted that it made little difference to him as, thankfully, the women were all gone by 6pm. When several eminent members of the Oxford and Cambridge Club resigned after women were refused full membership there, Metcalf promptly joined to show his support for the club's decision.

He was also an active member, and a past Master, of three city livery companies: the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, the Company of Broderers and the Company of Wheelwrights.

Thomas John Tertius Metcalf was educated at Beaumont College. His Jesuit education, it was said, gave his mind a polemical edge, making him a formidable opponent in debate. After school he did his National Service in the RAF, in which he reached the rank of corporal. On demobilisation he went up to Downing College, Cambridge, to read history.



Much of his time there was taken up at the Newmarket races but he continued to be an active participant in Cambridge Union debates. Many fellow undergraduates will remember his fierce attack on Anthony Eden over the mishandling of the Suez affair of 40 years ago.

It was at Cambridge that he met the Roman Catholic chaplain Monsignor Gilbey, whose deeply traditionalist views remained an influence on him. Gilbey would reprimand Metcalf who, a staunch Jacobite, would raise toasts to the "king over the water", to Albert, King of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Bavaria. Gilbey would remind him that, having taken the oath of allegiance on joining the RAF, he was bound to the House of Windsor.

After his graduation in 1956 he read for the Bar at Gray's Inn, but was never to qualify. His father sent him to work at C. T. Bowrings to learn marine insurance. He then joined the family firm of Metcalf Motor Coasters, succeeding his father as chairman in 1970.

In that same year he took up chairmanship of the company C. Crawley, which supplied fresh water to shipping, working from an office in Gravesend. He held the post until the end of his life, arriving in the office at the crack of dawn, no matter how late he had stayed up the night before.

He had a deep interest in architecture and in the River Thames. He always regretted that government policy was to put most transport on the roads, not least because this policy hit his business hard. He was also an ardent member of the Liberal Party and was chairman of the Chelsea Liberals in the 1960s, when he stood for the Greater London Council.

But Metcalf's primary passion remained his Catholic faith. Joining the Brothers of the Little Oratory, he passed from postulant to being a full brother in 1990 and was soon made consultor and then vice-rector. One of the most moving moments in his life, he said, was the time that he served a Maronite Mass in which the liturgy was sung in Aramaic, the language which Christ would have spoken to his disciples.

Metcalf was unmarried.

ON THIS DAY

July 26, 1943

With the dictator's resignation the Hitler-Mussolini partnership — the "glorious comradeship in arms" — collapsed. Italy surrendered on September 3 and in October declared war on Germany.

MUSSOLINI RESIGNS

The following proclamation was issued by King Victor Emmanuel:-

"Italians! I am assuming to-day the leadership of all the armed forces. In the solemn hour of the Fatherland's destiny, every one must stand by his place of duty, faith, and combat.

"No deviation can be tolerated. No recrimination may be allowed. Each Italian must bow before the grave wounds that have torn the sacred soil of the Fatherland.

"Italy, through the valour of her armed forces and because of the determined will of all her people, will find again, in the respect of those institutions that always helped her rise, the road of ascent.

"Italians! To-day I am more than ever inseparably bound to you by the unshakable faith in the immortality of the Fatherland."

(Signed) VICTOR EMMANUEL.
(Countersigned) BADOGLIO."

BADOGLIO'S DECLARATION

Marshal Badoglio, the new Prime Minister, issued the following proclamation:-

"Italians! By order of his Majesty the King-Emperor, I assume with full powers the military government of the country. The war continues.

"Italy, severely tried in her invaded provinces and in her destroyed cities, maintains faith in her given word, jealous keeper of her many thousands of years of traditions.

"Tighten your ranks around his Majesty the King-Emperor, living image of the Fatherland, and example for all.

"The order given is clear and precise. It will be scrupulously carried out, and anyone who has any illusions that he will be able to interfere with normal development or will be able to attempt to disturb public order will be struck inexorably.

"Long live Italy! Long live the King!"

(Signed) PIETRO BADOGLIO,
Marshal of Italy.'

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The resignation of Mussolini was announced in the following terms by Rome Radio:-

"His Majesty the King-Emperor has accepted the resignation of the head of the Government, Prime Minister and Secretary of State, tendered by his Excellency Benito Mussolini."

After broadcasting the news in its English bulletin at midnight, Rome Radio played the Italian national anthem instead of the Fascist hymn, "Giovenezza," which usually terminates Italian bulletins. When the announcer announced the date, he omitted the number of the year in the Fascist era.

Before the announcement the only indication that something important might be stirring was the fact that the official Italian news agency's normal transmissions had been off the air since the late afternoon.

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Short demoted by ruthless Blair

■ Tony Blair ousted Clare Short from her post as Shadow Transport Secretary in a ruthless reshuffle of his top team.

Ignoring Ms Short's strong showing in the Shadow Cabinet elections, and despite her efforts to secure a better job, he demoted her to a low-key post in charge of overseas development and replaced her with Andrew Smith, who did not even stand for the elections .... Page 1

Portillo victory over £4bn RAF order

■ A £4 billion defence order that will safeguard thousands of jobs was announced after Michael Heseltine was called in to resolve a Cabinet battle between the Chancellor and the Defence Secretary. Michael Portillo said the three RAF contracts, all with British companies, would help to sustain about 5,000 jobs .... Page 1

Massacre fears

There were fears that the central African republic of Burundi was about to be engulfed in massacres after the army took power in a coup, bringing new fears of Hutu-Tutsi violence .... Page 1, 14

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Baroness Thatcher has been asked to play a substantial role in the next general election campaign to try to boost the Tories' faltering chances .... Page 2

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Anne Trigwell, 43, began a life sentence after being found guilty of hiring hitmen to kill her private detective husband, bludgeoned to death .... Page 3

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British Midland Airways was fined £150,000 plus £25,000 costs for "an act of crass negligence" which, but for a pilot's skill, could have led to the crash of a Boeing 737 jet .... Page 5

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Equipment included a heavy-duty crane and an artificial stainless steel toenail when Maggot, a 28-year-old white rhinoceros, needed a pedicure .... Page 7

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The investigation into the TWA Flight 800 crash was close to a breakthrough as Washington experts examined the jet's black boxes, recovered by divers 100ft down off Long Island .... Page 15

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■ Forty years ago today Gamal Abdel Nasser announced the Suez Canal Company's nationalisation, provoking a crisis that destroyed Britain's Prime Minister and divided its people. It also ended hopes of peaceful co-existence between Israel and its Arab neighbours; set in train the Empire's dismemberment: and brought the world close to nuclear war .... Page 6

PAUL HACKETT

Imran Khan leaving the High Court in London yesterday with his wife, Jemima, right, and her mother, Lady Goldsmith. Page 5

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The EU and Japan have good reason to protest. Neither a free trade zone nor a multilateral world order can withstand a country like the United States when it decides to put pressure on those it thinks support terrorism

— *Frankfurter Rundschau*

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The crowd rises to Ms Sanchez as she executes her first *faena* immaculately, then boos and whistles as she struggles to despatch her second bull, failing time after time to thrust the sword home. Finally, and humiliatingly, a male torero finishes the job for her ...... Page 18

PHILIP HOWARD

Pace soppy "Baron" Pierre de Coubertin and *Chariots of Fire*, what has always mattered at the Olympics is winning, not taking part. Pindar, their first (Doric) columnist, wrote about the losers "skulking furtively down the back alleys at home, shamed by their loss" .... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

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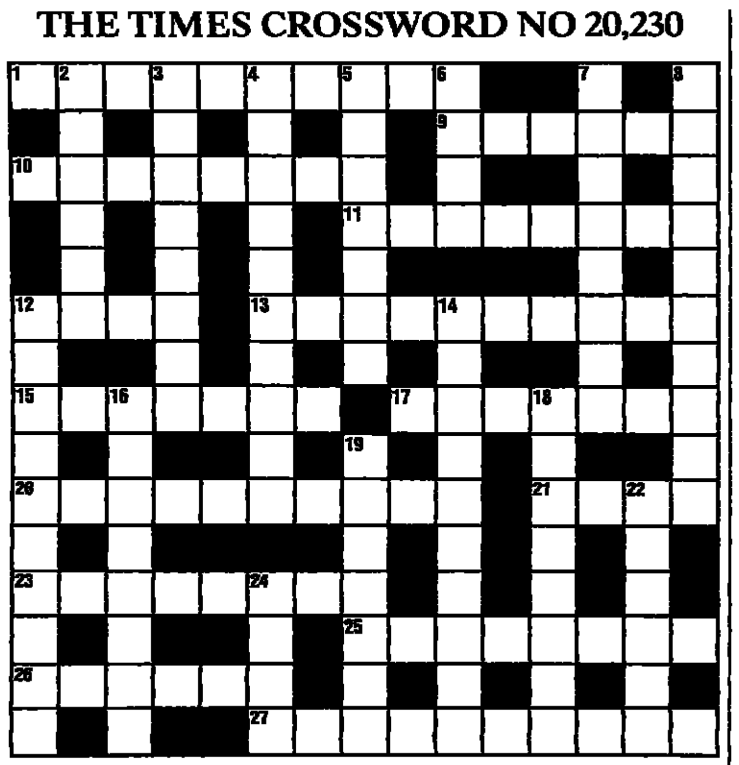

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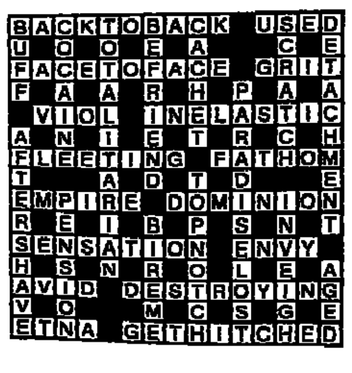

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford & Worcester 26C (79F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.23in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth, Dorset, 15.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start cloudy in the north and west, with patchy light rain, mostly along the coasts and over hills. It will turn drier from the north. South Wales and the rest of England will start out dry with variable cloud. The best of early sunshine will be in the South East, but cloud will increase with the risk of a shower later. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy start with coastal drizzle, turning showery later. The best of the sunny breaks will be in sheltered eastern parts.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** dry at first with sunny intervals, scattered showers later. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly. Warm. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **E Anglia, E & NE England:** cloudy at first, brighter for a time but with the risk of a few scattered showers. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **SW & NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man:** cloudy with drizzle on coasts and hills, becoming brighter from north. Wind moderate, west to northwest. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** sunny spells at first, cloudier later with occasional drizzle. Wind mainly light, west or southwesterly. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **NE & NW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** cloudy with patchy drizzle on coasts and hills, soon becoming brighter from the north with a few showers. Wind moderate, southwesterly. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** sunny spells, scattered showers. Wind moderate to fresh, westerly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** the south will be cloudy with occasional rain; brighter weather in the north edging south.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** N Scotland, low; Wales, South West, London, low to moderate; N England, Midlands, East Anglia, South East, moderate; S Scotland, Northern Ireland, moderate to high.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

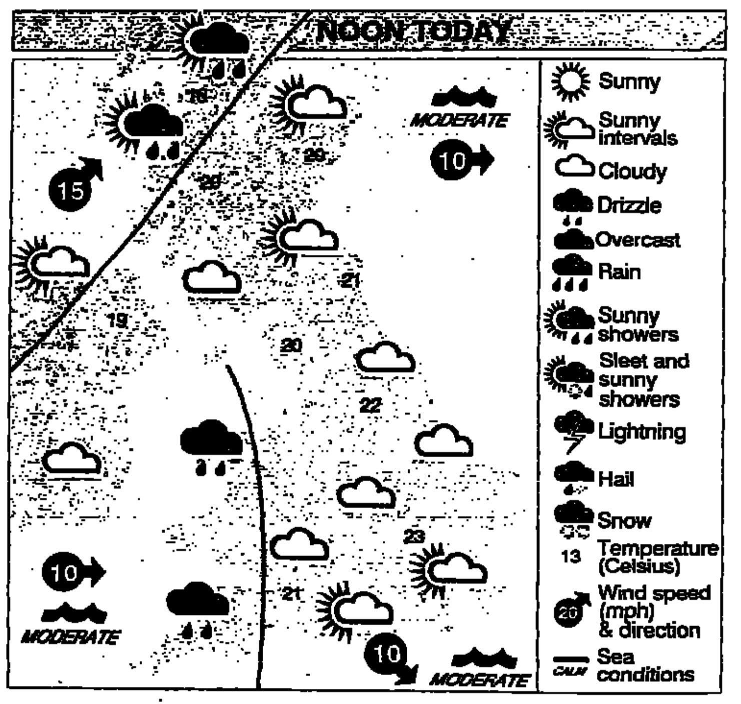
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.1	-	23	73	b	Leuchars	2.5	0.02	23	73	r
Anglesey	9.9	-	19	66	b	Littlehmptn	13.7	-	22	72	s
Aspatria	5.4	-	19	66	c	London	13.4	0.01	24	75	s
Aviemore	3.5	0.01	21	70	b	Lowestoft	4.5	0.01	18	64	s
Belfast	4.5	0.02	22	72	r	Manchester	7.0	-	22	72	b
Birmingham	12.3	-	24	75	s	Margate	4.4	-	20	68	s
Bognor R	14.0	-	22	72	s	Minehead	15.0	-	22	72	s
Bournem'th	15.1	-	22	72	s	Morecambe	10.8	-	18	64	s
Bristol	13.7	-	24	75	s	Newcastle	9.8	-	22	72	b
Buxton	11.8	0.01	20	68	s	Newquay	14.3	-	18	64	s
Cardiff	14.8	-	21	70	s	Norwich	5.9	0.01	21	70	s
Clacton	11.6	-	19	66	s	Oxford	13.6	-	25	77	s
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X	-	23	73	s
Cromer	4.1	-	17	63	s	Poole	14.8	-	25	77	s
Dunbar	7.1	-	23	73	b	Prestatyn	X	-	23	73	
Eastbourne	13.6	-	23	73	s	Ross-o-wye	13.8	-	25	77	s
Edinburgh	5.6	-	22	72	b	Ryde	13.2	-	24	75	s
Eskdalemuir	5.3	-	19	66	c	Salcombe	13.8	-	21	70	s
Exmouth	14.2	-	21	70	s	Sandown	11.8	-	23	73	s
Falmouth	14.2	-	21	70	s	Saunton Snd	13.3	-	20	68	s
Fishguard	15.0	-	18	64	s	Scarboro'	9.2	-	22	72	s
Folkestone	11.7	0.07	22	72	s	Shrewsbury	14.7	-	24	75	s
Glasgow	3.9	0.01	18	64	d	Skegness	10.0	-	18	64	s
Guernsey	13.6	-	20	68	s	Southend	X	-	22	72	s
Hastings	11.6	0.01	23	73	s	Southport	12.4	-	20	68	s
Hayling I	13.1	-	22	72	s	Southsea	13.7	-	23	73	s
Herne Bay	10.9	-	22	72	s	Stornoway	2.1	0.02	18	64	d
Hove	11.7	-	25	77	s	Swanage	14.0	-	21	70	s
Hunstanton	9.6	-	21	70	s	Teignmouth	14.8	-	22	72	s
Isle of Man	9.4	-	19	66	s	Tiree	2.1	0.07	17	63	r
Jersey	14.4	-	23	73	s	Torquay	15.0	-	21	70	s
Kinloss	4.9	0.01	24	75	b	Ventnor	12.8	-	22	72	s
Leeds	12.6	-	24	75	s	West-s-mare	13.8	-	23	73	s
Lerwick	0.3	0.17	12	54	r	Weymouth	14.6	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	28	82	s	Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	36	97	s	Rome	28	82	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	C'phagn	19	66	f	Malaga	29	84	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dublin	17	63	f	Malta	30	86	s	S Paulo	20	68	s
Algiers	38	100	s	Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Salzburg	22	72	f
Amst'dm	16	61	r	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	22	72	f	Santiago	15	59	s
Athens	29	84	s	Florence	29	84	s	Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	28	82	r
B Aires	14	57	f	Frankfurt	24	75	f	Milan	25	77	f	Sing'por	33	91	s
Bahrain	42	108	s	Funchal	22	72	c	Montreal	26	79	s	St'kholm	24	75	c
Bangkok	30	86	f	Geneva	24	75	f	Moscow	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Barbados	25	77	f	Gibraltar	26	79	f	Munich	24	75	f	Sydney	19	66	f
Barcelona	31	88	s	Helsinki	23	73	s	N Delhi	32	90	f	Tangier	27	81	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Hong K	31	88	f	N York	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	f
Belgrade	26	79	c	Innsbrck	24	75	f	Nairobi	20	68	f	Tenerife	31	88	s
Berlin	21	70	f	Istanbul	27	81	s	Naples	28	82	s	Tokyo	28	82	s
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	34	93	f	Nice	26	79	f	Toronto	24	75	r
Biarritz	23	73	c	Jo'burg	11	52	c	Oslo	24	75	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Bordo'x	26	79	f	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	23	73	f	Valencia	34	93	s
Brussels	18	64	r	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	31	89	s	Vanc'ver	22	72	s
Budapest	24	75	s	Le Touqt	18	64	f	Perth	14	57	f	Venice	27	81	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	25	77	c	Prague	22	72	f	Vienna	28	82	s
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	22	72	f	Reykjavik	13	55	c	Warsaw	22	72	f
Ch'church	9	48	-	Luxembg	17	63	c	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wash'ton	29	84	f
Chicago	21	70	r	Luxor	35	95	s	Rio de J	15	59	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	-
Cologne	16	61	r	Madrid	31	88	f	Riyadh	X			Zurich	25	77	f

Temperatures at midday local time Wednesday X = not available

NOON TODAY



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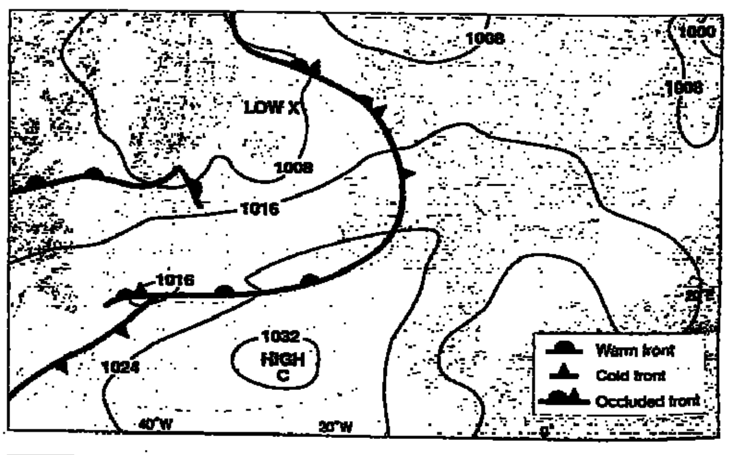

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9:22	6.2	9:47	6.2	Leith	10:18	4.7	10:54	4.7
Aberdeen	9:06	3.6	9:46	3.7	Liverpool	6:39	7.8	7:21	8.0
Avonmouth	2:09	10.6	2:55	10.7	Lowestoft	5:27	2.2	-	-
Belfast	6:43	3.2	7:18	3.2	Margate	7:36	4.1	8:00	4.1
Cardiff	2:09	9.7	2:55	9.7	Milford Haven	1:25	5.6	2:08	5.5
Devonport	0:35	4.5	1:28	4.5	Newquay	0:40	5.3	1:21	5.4
Dover	6:46	5.6	7:15	5.8	Oban	1:02	3.1	2:26	3.1
Dublin (N Wall)	7:23	3.5	7:54	3.6	Penzance	-	-	12:37	4.6
Falmouth	0:25	4.2	1:03	4.2	Portland	1:09	1.4	2:27	1.5
Greenock	7:48	2.8	8:49	2.8	Portsmouth	6:49	4.0	7:25	4.2
Harwich	7:13	3.4	7:46	3.4	Shoreham	6:40	5.0	7:19	5.2
Holyhead	5:54	4.6	6:42	4.8	Southampton	6:09	3.9	6:50	4.1
Hull (Albert D)	1:41	6.1	2:04	6.2	Swansea	1:26	7.7	2:09	7.7
Ilfracombe	1:08	7.5	1:53	7.6	Tees	11:40	4.5	-	-
King's Lynn	2:01	5.1	2:32	5.3	Walton-on-Naze	7:13	3.5	7:40	3.5

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.16 am
Sun sets: 8.58 pm
Moon sets 1.17 am
Moon rises 4.58 pm
Full moon July 30

London 8.58 pm to 5.17 am
Bristol 9.07 pm to 5.27 am
Edinburgh 9.31 pm to 5.08 am
Manchester 9.15 pm to 5.17 am
Penzance 9.13 pm to 5.44 am

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FRIDAY JULY 26 1996

British Gas threat to DTI in £1bn writ

By Christine Buckley

BRITISH GAS yesterday launched an unprecedented tax challenge, demanding that the Government repay £1 billion plus interest.

In a writ to the Department of Trade and Industry, the company claimed it had overpaid tax due under the Gas Levy by £1 billion over the past ten years. The DTI responded with a raft of counter writs to gas producers. If British Gas proves its legal case, the Government will expect 27 gas producers to share the £1 billion burden.

The gas producers include Shell, BP, Esso and Elf. Many of those affected have been holding talks with British Gas about its expensive take-or-pay contracts under which it is obliged to buy gas at prices far higher than those at which it can sell the fuel.

British Gas is arguing that it has paid too much tax on 24 of its longest-held contracts which are in eight of the oldest gas fields. It is claiming overpayment for a ten-year period. The DTI said it did not believe British Gas's interpretation of the law was correct but if the company were proved right "the Government would have to levy claims against producers of the gas in question".

The move by British Gas throws the spotlight on the controversial contracts it struck in first generation gas fields, as a result of which it could now face a deficit of £4 billion. All eight UK continental shelf fields on which the dispute centres are old fields for which British Gas entered into contracts covering the entire life of the fields. By arguing against its liability for the levy, it is expected to claim that contracts have developed in such a fashion that they are no longer subject to the levy.

The crux of the argument could be that the company no longer has expectations to use the gas and therefore should not pay the levy. It could claim that the fields have been exploited in a way that exceeds its needs or wishes. British Gas is refusing to elaborate on how it will pursue its case.

The companies that may face counterclaims from the DTI are reluctant to comment before definite action.

The Gas Levy was introduced in 1981 to tax output from old gas fields which had escaped the Petroleum Revenue Tax in 1975. The charge, currently 4p a therm, is levied on gas purchasers and on the field. The levy amount has previously been a bone of contention for British Gas and it has previously joined the Gas Consumers Council in arguing for a reduction in the charge.

British Gas, which has paid £5.6 billion under the levy, is now disputing its liability on about a third of its contracts that are subject to it. The levy is generally paid by gas purchasers rather than producers, with the majority of gas purchasing conducted by British Gas. However, in some instances it is paid by producers who have a contract agreement with British Gas for a field but are selling on excess fuel to other buyers.

British Gas said it had taken action now because legal demands dictated it had to make a move by the sixth anniversary of the Finance Act, which modified the levy. That day is today.

British Gas and the DTI are now expected to hold talks before the company decides whether to move to the next stage and serve the writ.

Although the DTI said there was no immediate schedule for talks, British Gas was optimistic that the dispute may not reach court.

After issuing the writ, British Gas has four months in which to move on its action or abandon it. By the time it decides on its next step, British Gas will also know whether Ofgas has given any ground in its pricing review on TransCo or whether the issue will end up at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

☐ British Gas yesterday sealed a ten-year deal to sell gas through the continental interconnector to Germany. The agreement to sell about 20 billion cubic metres of gas to Wingas is the biggest UK export deal so far struck for the interconnector which is due to begin operating in 1998.

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Weak chemicals force ICI to shed 2,700 jobs

By George Sivell

ICI is to cut 2,700 jobs in a £137 million worldwide restructuring made necessary by subdued conditions in world chemical markets and the impact of sharp price reductions in some industrial chemicals.

The worst hit part of ICI, which employs 65,300 at present, will be the explosives operations in North America based in Dallas, Texas. Around 1,000 jobs will go in North America over the next 18 months. The biggest cuts in Britain will be at Darwen, Lancashire. A quarter of the 400 workforce at the acrylics plant will be lost.

The cutbacks are an acceleration of ICI's rationalisation plans which have been brought forward by between six months and a year to finish at the end of 1997. Restructuring costs contributed to a sharp drop in half-year profits from £533 million to £260 million and in earnings from 45.4p to 19.4p a share. The half-year dividend, however, rises 8.7 per cent to 12.5p a share, not enough to stop the shares falling 17p to 761p. Stripping out the exceptional charges, ICI profits were still well down — from £510 million to £367 million.

ICI is to spend around £65 million on restructuring North American explosives, £44 million on cuts in paints and £28 million on acrylics.

Only 15 per cent of the job cuts announced yesterday will fall in Britain.

City chemicals analysts downgraded their estimates for current-year profits to between £700 and £750 million from £800 to £850 million. ICI says: "We continue to believe that the present difficulties in the market place represent a pause rather than a downturn in the economic cycle.

"The UK economy continues to grow and consumer confidence appears to be increasing in the USA and UK. Japan is recovering. We believe there is a chance of modest growth in all major markets in 1997."

Charles Miller Smith, chief executive, said that ICI is also reviewing its bulk chemical operations. He said ICI would "stay with bulk chemicals, where we feel we can make money over the cycle" but said "there will come a moment when we look to exit from certain businesses".

He emphasised, however, that now "does not seem the right time, given the current weakness across bulk chemicals".

Mr Miller Smith said destocking had affected much of the ICI business but that it had "generally run its course" except in tioxide and polyesters.

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Part-time post pays £120,000

JAMIE WISEMAN

No smoke without fire: Brandon Gough, right, chairman of Yorkshire Water, fends of shareholder criticism during a break in the meeting after a fire alarm sounded

Yorkshire Water chairman survives call to resign

From A Correspondent

YORKSHIRE WATER'S new part-time chairman kept his £120,000-a-year job yesterday after an attempt by some shareholders to remove him.

Brandon Gough's commitment to spend one day a week in Yorkshire overseeing the affairs of the much criticised utility was not good enough, according to many at the annual meeting in Harrogate.

A shareholder revolt against his reappointment was championed by Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy that advises institutional investors.

Mr Gough, 58, the former chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, lives in Kent and is chairman of two public bodies, as well as a director of National Power, George Wimpey and De La Rue. He faced strong criticism from some shareholders, who questioned his ability to fit six jobs into five working days.

George Mountfield, from Sheffield, said: "With all Yorkshire Water's problems the last thing we need is a part-time chairman. This is the old boy's network, the City slickers, and, looking at this board, that is all we have."

Mr Gough said: "I'm in Yorkshire one day a week and I'm in touch with my colleagues almost every day. These days that is how companies are run.

"I was offered £120,000 and I was very happy to accept it. It is a very substantial amount of money, but that is the deal."

Mr Gough was reappointed by a substantial majority, on a show of hands.

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Lowest loan rate since 1965

By Robert Miller

NATIONWIDE Building Society yesterday threw down the gauntlet to its rivals in the mortgage market when it announced a 0.25 per cent reduction in its standard home loan rate to 6.49 per cent, the lowest for 31 years.

The UK's second largest building society with around one million borrowers said the new rate, which takes effect from September 1 for new and existing customers, "reinforces the benefits of being with a building society". The proposed new rate compares with 6.99 per cent charged by the Halifax, the Woolwich and NatWest and Abbey National's 7.04 per cent.

Brian Davis, chief executive of the Nationwide, said: "Our mortgage interest rates will have fallen by more than one per cent during 1996 and, as a result, typical Nationwide borrowers with a £50,000 interest-only mortgage will have seen their monthly mortgage payments fall by some £44 over the same period."

Garry Marsh, spokesman for the Halifax, which plans to become a £10 billion bank next year, said: "The Nationwide move is another salvo in the battle for mortgage market share. Previously, standard mortgage rates tended to be adjusted only in line with the Bank of England's base rate. That may now be a thing of the past."

Initial reaction from competitors, like Bradford & Bingley, another society pledged to retain its mutual status, was not to follow suit. However, midsummer is generally quiet for the mortgage market and nearer to September there may be another bout of cuts to bring rivals closer to Nationwide.

Cheltenham & Gloucester, now the retail mortgage arm of Lloyds TSB, said yesterday it had taken an estimated 15 per cent share of the UK net mortgage lending market for the first six months of the year. C&G also revealed profits to June 30 were £160.8 million, compared with £119.3 million for the five months it was under new ownership to December 31.

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the C&G, said: "Strong sales of C&G mortgages through both Lloyds Bank and C&G branches have earned us more than double our natural market share, taking 15 per cent of an estimated £7.5 billion of UK net mortgage lending."

BUSINESS TODAY

FT-SE 100	3684.7	(+15.9)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1827.38	(+7.99)
Nikkei	20883.84	(+252.81)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5410.91	(+56.22)*
S&P Composite	631.98	(+5.33)*
Federal Funds	5[illegible]%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	87[illegible]*	(87[illegible])
Yield	7.00%*	(7.04%)
3-mth Interbank	5¾%	(5¾%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	106[illegible]	(106[illegible])
New York:		
$	1.5570*	(1.5521)
London:		
$	1.5571	(1.5542)
DM	2.3020	(2.3121)
FFr	7.8044	(7.8314)
SFr	1.8790	(1.8839)
Yen	168.50	(167.87)
£ Index	84.9	(85.0)
London:		
DM	1.4795*	(1.4910)
FFr	5.0160*	(5.0490)
SFr	1.2080*	(1.2156)
Yen	108.35*	(108.46)
$ Index	96.0	(96.1)
Tokyo close Yen 108.09		
Brent 15-day (Oct)	$18.85	($18.65)
London close	$385.05	($384.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Hays and Salvesen confirm bid talks

By Alasdair Murray

HAYS, the business services group, yesterday said that it is in bid talks with rival Christian Salvesen, which could lead to the creation of a distribution and services giant valued at about £2.7 billion. Hays is expected to offer up to 350p a share, valuing Christian Salvesen at about £1 billion. Hays will require a mixed cash and paper offer to fund the bid.

The two companies were forced to reveal their discussions after recent share price fluctuations. Salvesen shares yesterday closed up 60p at 349p, while Hays shares tumbled 36p to 414p.

The Salvesen board is expected to make a decision early next week, but much will depend on the attitude of the Salvesen family, who still control about 40 per cent of the company. Hays has made it clear that it is unlikely to make a hostile bid, but it is believed that the Salvesen family is aware of the need for consolidation in the sector.

Ronnie Frost, chairman of Hays, said that the two companies would create a perfect fit with Salvesen distribution operations, enabling Hays to create a European-wide operation. But Hays is also likely to make a number of disposals, although it would only confirm that it expected to sell-off Salvesen's frozen food business. Another possible target is Aggreko, Salvesen's power generation and air conditioning unit.

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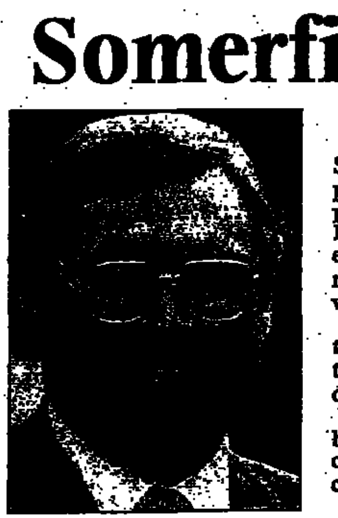
Somerfield likely to cut float price again

By Alasdair Murray



Simons: bonus blow

SOMERFIELD, the supermarket company, is likely today to cut its flotation price for the second time — to about 145p a share — in a final attempt to ensure that its debut on the stock market remains on course for next week.

The company has been forced to act to overcome strong institutional resistance to the 160p a share pricing it had declared only last week.

It is believed that institutional shareholders have now subscribed in sufficient numbers to ensure the flotation can still proceed.

Another reduction in price would value Somerfield at £435 million, almost a quarter less than the £570 million maximum valuation placed on the company in its offer document.

The float has been dogged by difficult market conditions as well as concern that Somerfield may struggle in an already crowded supermarket sector. A profit warning last week from Iceland Foods, a rival, also caused nervousness among potential buyers.

The float was originally priced at between 180p and 190p, but Somerfield was forced to drop the offer price to 160p last week.

The institutions have been able to apply pressure because of the need for Somerfield's bankers to recoup some of their loans. Somerfield was taken private seven years ago in a £2.1 billion buyout by Isoceles. The float was intended to fund the repayment of about £400 million to Somerfield's bankers and up to £300 million of Isoceles debt. Isoceles is likely to receive only a token payment after the latest drop in price.

The revised price is also likely to cost David Simons, the company's chief executive, more than £1 million.

Mr Simons was heavily criticised in the City for a flotation bonus deal worth up to £5.66 million, but now is likely to have to settle for a figure closer to £4 million.

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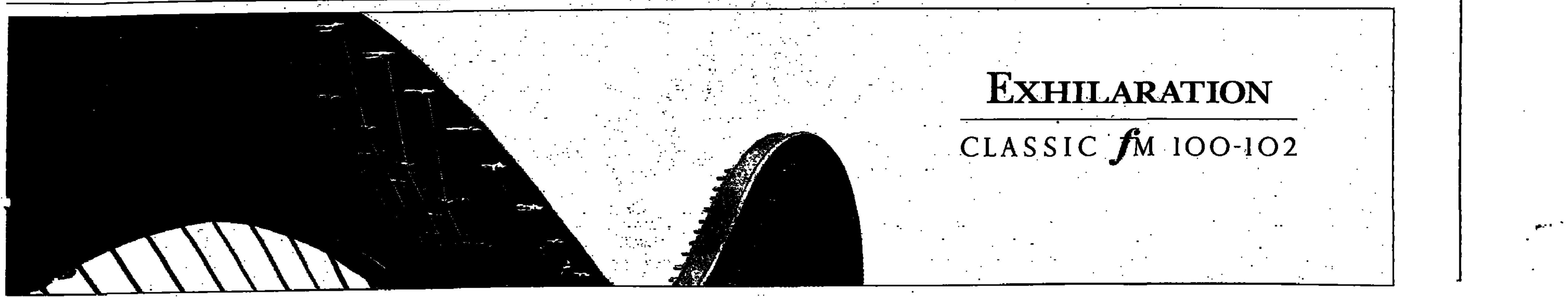

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Philips responds to loss by cutting 6,000 jobs

By Eric Reguly

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS, hit by declining prices for consumer products such as TVs and video recorders, is to shed 6,000 jobs, mostly in its European manufacturing operations, after reporting an unexpectedly deep loss in the latest quarter. The redundancies mark one of the company's largest retrenchment programmes.

Philips's net loss was 456 million guilders (£175 million) in the quarter to June 30, against a net *profit of 583 million guilders in the same period a* year ago. The latest figure includes an extraordinary charge of 760 million guilders to restructure the sound and vision business, the largest part of its consumer products division.

The company blamed the poor results on the launch of a digital mobile-phone business, a cyclical downturn in semiconductors and other electronic components, and "increased price erosion" in some of its markets, notably sound and vision products. In the first half, the consumer products division lost 92 million guilders (269 million guilders).

The 6,000 jobs in the sound and vision *business, equivalent to 15 per cent of its 40,000* jobs, will disappear by the end of next year and will affect all departments, from manufacturing to marketing. Britain, however, will largely escape the retrenchment programme. Only 200 of Philips's 10,000 British employees work in the sound and vision business: most of those are in sales, marketing and customer service. A Philips spokesman in London said: "I would not expect much to happen here." Philips gave no details about the location of the job reductions, but it appears that manufacturing sites will be hardest hit.

The company said that the price of the sound *and vision products fell by an average of 6 per* cent in the first half, with the price of some products, such as video recorders, dropping by 10 per cent. In spite of the price erosion, Philips said it had no intention of abandoning the consumer electronics business or eliminating any products. Falling prices, it said, were an industry-wide problem.

Some analysts said that the job reductions alone might not be enough to reverse Philips's fortunes. Simon Street, of BZW, said: "It's not just a case of taking costs out; it's whether they have a plan to grow the business profitably."

Analysts said Philips needed new products to *capture the buyers' imagination.* The company, however, has not been at the forefront at introducing new products recently.

Export rise helps cut trade gap to £985m

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

HIGHER exports helped Brit*ain to narrow its trade deficit* with the rest of the world in May to £985 million from April's shortfall of £1.36 billion.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show that exports rose 2.5 per cent, while imports fell 0.5 per cent. But despite this apparent improvement, statisticians said the underlying trend of Britain's trade position was broadly flat.

Dissecting the figures showed that trade with countries outside the European Union was less encouraging than European trade. The trade gap with non-EU countries rose to £814 million from £799 million, while the EU deficit narrowed to £171 million from £564 million.

Separate figures for June for non-EU trade tended to confirm this picture. Britain's non-EU deficit widened to £1.13 billion, its highest level since February, 1993, from £814 million in May. However, the ONS pointed out that *half of the deterioration was* due to lower oil exports and erratic items, such as ships and precious stones. Exports in total fell 6.5 per cent in the month.

City economists said that yesterday's figures were encouraging because of the apparent buoyancy of exports to Europe, despite weak growth in continental markets. Martin Brookes, of Goldman Sachs, said that a sustained recovery in export volumes *should emerge later this year* from stronger activity in the European Union.

The Bundesbank held German interest rates yesterday, putting pressure on both the dollar and the pound. Some observers had speculated that the German central bank would leave the official discount and Lombard rates unchanged but cut its key money market repurchase rate. However, it left the repo at 3.30 per cent, the level it has been since February and where it will remain, at least for the next four weeks when the central bank is on holiday.

The dollar fell to DM1.4750 in early afternoon trading from DM1.49 just before the *Bundesbank announcement.* Sterling lost around a pfennig to close at around DM2.3027.

There was some speculation that the Bundesbank's policy-making council may be split after at least two senior members seemed to hint in the run-up to yesterday's meeting that a rate cut was possible. The mark's strength after news that rates were unchanged ironically strengthens the argument for a cut after the summer break. The weak *dollar and strong mark have* been putting an unwanted squeeze on German exporters.

Cheap calls and payoffs slow BT

HIGH redundancy charges and declining prices, especially for international calls, pushed down BT's *earnings in the first quarter* (Eric Reguly writes).

Pre-tax profits in the quarter to the end of June declined 0.6 per cent to £869 million on turnover of £3.64 billion, up 4.1 per cent. Continued double-digit growth at Cellnet, the mobile phone company 60 per cent owned by BT, was the main contributor to the increased turnover.

Redundancy charges more than doubled to £52 million as the company continued to cut jobs. Price cuts, meanwhile, reduced turnover by £130 million. The reductions dragged down the revenue from international calls by 3.7 *per cent to £472 million.*

The results were as expected, but analysts said the fall in international call volume growth from 9 per cent to 8 per cent on a moving average basis was cause for concern.

BT gave no indication whether it would accept Oftel's new regulatory package, with its August 2 deadline for agreement. A rejection would trigger a Monopolies and Mergers *Commission inquiry.*

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ALAN WELLER

Models at Kookai in Kensington wearing clothes from the spring/summer collection

Opponent of Leeds deal to fight on

By Jason Nissé

PETER GILMAN, the deputy chairman of Leeds United, is to continue his fight to stop Caspian Group's £16.5 million bid for the Premier League *football club in spite of having* his legal action to block the deal thrown out yesterday.

Mr Justice Rattee dismissed a claim by Mr Gilman, who owns a third of Leeds's shares, that there was a verbal agreement that other two main shareholders, Bill Fotherby and Leslie Silver, should sell to him before anyone else.

Mr Gilman wants to back a higher offer for the club from Conrad, the leisurewear group.

The ruling appears to clear the way for Caspian's bid to go ahead. The media group expects to complete the deal next week.

However, in spite of Mr Justice Rattee appearing not to give any leave to appeal, Mr Gilman was in discussions with his lawyers last night over whether he could take any further action to stop the bid.

Mr Gilman said that he would not have forgiven himself if he had not taken the court action.

Mr Fotherby, who will become Leeds's chairman and join Caspian's board if the deal goes through, said: "I'm absolutely relieved it's all over. *We've managed to keep doing* business through good housekeeping, but now we can get off with gusto."

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UK's Kookai stores head for market

THE UK's Kookai stores are coming to the stock market via a reverse takeover by Forminster, the clothing retailer, which has valued the 26-strong clothes chain at £11 million (Fraser Nelson writes).

Adjustbetter, which holds *the Kookai franchise in the* UK, will gain a 62 per cent stake in Forminster if its results reach an agreed target in January.

Michael Rahamim, Adjustbetter's founder and managing director, is to join Forminster's board.

Forminster closed its own women's wear division in May, incurring costs of £1 million, which created a loss of £500,000 for the year to April 30. Its shares were *suspended at 72p yesterday.* They are to begin trading again on August 20.

Childcare lobby scents victory

By Robert Miller

A CAMPAIGN backed by some of Britain's largest employers, including British Airways, Shell, the BBC and Rover, *is close to victory in its* bid to force the Government to perform a policy U-turn on a national childcare strategy.

After lobby pressure from Employers for Childcare (EFC), which is also supported by the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry, Cheryl Gillan, a Minister at the Department for Education and Employment, has prepared a strategy paper covering children up to 14 throughout the year, after *school and in the holidays.* This week the childcare paper was circulated at Cabinet level and is understood to be based closely on EFC's Business Blueprint, launched by Sir Nicholas Goodison, deputy *chairman of Lloyds TSB, last* September.

The employers' document insists that no form of employer-supported childcare provision should be liable to tax. EFC also says that childcare *provision must match the* different requirements and circumstances of all children and parents who need it.

Fiona Cannon, chairman of EFC, said: "If, as rumoured, the Government is shortly to publish a consultation document, *we look forward to it* reflecting our proposals for a Business Blueprint."

Fewer UK firms face the receiver

THE number of receiverships in Britain fell by 25 per cent during the first and second quarters of this year, confirming signs that the economy is entering a more stable period of recovery and consolidation, *according to KPMG, the accountancy* firm (Janet Bush writes).

Its figures show there were 334 receiverships in the second quarter compared with 444 in the first.

The largest fall, 53 per cent recorded in the North West, was from 57 receiverships in the first quarter to 27 in the second.

A longer comparison is also encouraging. Receiverships in the first six months of this year *totalled 778, a drop of 18 per* cent on the same period a year ago.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.90
Austria Sch	17.29	15.79
Belgium Fr	50.70	46.40
Canada $	2.237	2.077
Cyprus Cyp£	0.751	0.696
Denmark Kr	9.50	8.70
Finland Mrk	7.61	6.96
France Fr	8.25	7.60
Germany Dm	2.47	2.26
Greece Dr	384	359
Hong Kong $	12.65	11.65
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	6.32	4.87
Italy Lira	2470	2315
Japan Yen	182.30	166.30
Malta	0.596	0.541
Netherlds Gld	2.751	2.521
New Zealand $	2.38	2.18
Norway Kr	10.49	9.69
Portugal Esc	249.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	7.47	6.87
Spain Pta	208.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	10.84	10.04
Switzerland Fr	2.02	1.84
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
USA $	1.650	1.520

Rates for small denomination banknotes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates for travellers' cheques. Rates at close of trading yesterday.

Savings boost on nuclear wind-down

By Philip Bassett

BRITAIN'S nuclear decommissioning body now expects to complete the current wind-down of nuclear plants at a 40 per cent lower cost than originally planned.

The UK Atomic Energy Authority said the savings in the decommissioning programme meant "substantial reductions" in the cost of the plans to taxpayers.

The UKAEA said in its annual report that the cost of its decommissioning and radioactive waste management programmes for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 was £219 million, compared with the £363 million expected before the UKAEA took its present form after disposal of its commercial and technological divisions.

The UKAEA said that, with two of the three years of decommissioning completed and the third "very firmly budgeted", the total cost of the programme is now expected to be £330 million in all — 40 per cent less than its original estimate of £537 million. Dr Derek Pooley, UKAEA chief executive, said: "This represents real savings to the taxpayer."

Even so, the estimated total future cost of eliminating the UKAEA's nuclear liabilities is now £7.4 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kidder Peabody fine for UK irregularities

AFTER losing $100 million on allegedly phoney trades Kidder Peabody, the Wall Street securities firm, launched an inquiry into its operations worldwide which yesterday led to the firm's UK arm being fined £40,000 with £27,000 costs.

The Securities and Futures Authority, a UK watchdog, said yesterday that Kidder Peabody, which no longer operates in Britain, reported itself after the inquiry revealed that incorrect data fed into a computer led to understated losses on the options books of about $3.5 million. Kidder ran the global checks after Joseph Jett, the US government bond trader sacked by Kidder Peabody, allegedly created $350 million in phoney profits to hide $100 million of real losses. The SFA has also reprimanded Peter Bryant and Jorge Villon and fined them *£5,000 and £2,500 respectively. Mr Bryant input incorrect* price, volatilty and interest rate data onto the risk model, while Mr Villon failed to update interest rates on a daily basis.

Setback for Butte

BUTTE MINING suffered a further setback in its legal battle with Ernst & Young yesterday, when a High Court judge gave Butte three months to lodge £275,000 as security against the accountant's costs. The order relates to a £4.5 million action arising from an acquisition to which Ernst & Young was reporting accountant. If Butte fails to meet the deadline, the firm can apply for a stay or dismissal of the action. Last month, Mr Justice Lightman struck out a £110 million claim by Butte *against Ernst & Young. Butte is appealing against the decision.*

Boots sales up 7.2%

THE Boots Company, the high street chemist chain, reported a 7.2 per cent increase in like-for-like sales in the first quarter. Sales in the core chemist division rose 5 per cent. The strongest improvement, 11.7 per cent, came from Boots Healthcare International, helped by a 31 per cent jump in Nurofen sales. Boots' two DIY businesses had improved sales, rising 8.4 per cent at Do It All and 8.2 per cent at A G Stanley. The shares closed 15p up at 599p as analysts upgraded full-year profit forecasts to about £550 million.

Names urged to settle

THE Association of Lloyd's Members and the Society of Names have written to 24,000 action group members, warning them against turning down the Lloyd's settlement offer in favour of legal action alleging fraud at Lloyd's. The letter, signed by Sir David Berriman, Sir Adam Ridley, and Tom Benyon, describes the so-called fraud alternative as a high-risk strategy with considerable potential downside. Names would swap the advantages of the settlement offer for costly legal action with an uncertain outcome.

Increase at Witan

WITAN, the fifth largest investment trust with net assets of more than £1.1 billion, has announced an increase in its half-year net return on ordinary activities before taxation to £19.5 million (£16.4 million). However, Witan's share price has lagged behind the net asset value of 308p per share and yesterday rose just 2½p yesterday to 251½p. An *interim dividend of 3.05p (2.95p) has been declared. It will* be paid on September 13 to shareholders on the register at August 20.

IBM defies expectations

IBM, the computer manufacturer, earned $1.3 billion ($1.7 billion) in the second quarter, which was stronger than expected on Wall Street. The profit is equal to $2.51 ($2.97) a share on increased revenue of $18.18 billion ($17.53). Industry analysts said they were surprised by the resilience of IBM's results, especially its revenues, in a tough market and amid sluggishness in Europe. Louis Gerstner, IBM chairman, said results were hurt by short-term factors, including a drop in the price of computer memory chips and currency exchange rates.

Call for training league

LABOUR will introduce national league tables on training for Britain's top 100 companies in an effort to boost their *commitment in this area if Tony Blair wins the next election.* A training scoreboard will be introduced to expose companies' training records, and to act as a strong incentive for improving the extent and quality of training provision. Stephen Byers, Labour's Shadow Education and Employment Minister, will announce Labour's proposals today in a speech to teachers in Birmingham.

Admiral interim up

ADMIRAL, the computer service group, continued its strong growth in the six months to June 30, helped by its overseas acquisitions, Delphy Consultants, the Belgian group bought last year for £5 million, and Ares, its new French subsidiary. *Group sales grew 42 per cent to £43 million. Pre-tax profits* and interest were £5.06 million, 56 per cent ahead but overshadowed by the £5.48 million last time after a £2.23 million disposal. The interim dividend was increased to 0.7p (0.58p). Earnings grew to 5.5p per share (3.8p).

Toad wins VW order

SHARES in Toad, the AIM-listed car protection company, jumped 10p to 88p yesterday after it secured a deal worth £1.5 million a year to supply its pioneering window protection film to the Volkswagen Group. Secur-Fix, an invisible film which is stuck to side windows, was bought by Toad last August for £500,000 after trading for three years as a private *company. The triple laminate film, which costs bewteen £185* to £255 to install, is designed to prevent break-ins and protect passengers from flying glass in an accident.

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☐ Market disenchantment with ICI grows ☐ Somerfield priced to go ☐ High Court rules on Leeds takeover

Sheep that lost its way

☐ LAZY journalists have always referred to ICI as the bellwether of the British economy. Few ever knew where the metaphor came from — the bellwether is the leader of a flock of sheep, onto whom a bell is hung to indicate which way the flock is heading. Fewer still could spell it. But ICI hung up its bell several years ago and has since travelled a long way from the rest of the flock.

That journey began with the split three years ago into a pure chemicals business and Zeneca, the pharmaceuticals side. Commodities businesses such as pure chemicals ride up and down with world trade tides and more often than not find themselves washed up on the shore.

If the world economy is booming, there is a shortage of bulk commodities and prices rocket. By the time new factories are on stream, demand has peaked. The only way to cope with collapsing prices is to cut jobs and make factories more efficient, while closing the most outdated ones. This takes capacity out of the market just in time for the next upturn, and production cannot cope. So prices rocket . . .

ICI has tried to fight its way out of this trap, concentrating on growing Asian economies and building plastics plants in Pakistan, Taiwan and, possibly, China. There have been grand promises made about the potential of these markets — or at least until prices collapsed. The reasons, predictably, include a glut of polyster fibre as other new plants come on stream.

Yesterday's job losses are an acceleration of a scheme, named in grand corporate-speak Value Gap and announced in February, to cope with these more difficult conditions. ICI's saving grace, short-term, is the dividend, the shares yielding 5.3 per cent for this year. Longer-term there is the chance, raised again yesterday, that the group will lessen its dependence on commodities by selling some of the bulk chemicals businesses, staying with paints and speciality materials which are less dependent on the chemicals cycle. But this, in terms of unlocking hidden value, would be a long way from a Demerger 2, and there is the little problem of finding a buyer at this stage in that cycle.

ICI's half-way figures were always going to be awful, but the market is now thoroughly disenchanted with the shares. In April it seemed as if they might breast the £10 tape; they closed last night at 763p, with analysts putting a floor of 750p on the price only because of the dividend yield.

Also mitigating against disposals is the fact that ICI does not need the cash — indeed, the group could raise up to £2.5 billion of fresh capital if it could find anything to spend the money on. At times like these, analysts' minds turn to share buy-backs. A distant prospect, but ICI would be following a path already well trodden by Britain plc. No longer the bellwether, more of a stray sheep lagging well behind the rest of the flock.

City drives a hard bargain

☐ AS students and other deserving poor have long known, there are some excellent bargains to be found among the perishables at the big supermarkets if one is prepared to wait until just before closing time. Somerfield shares, some analysts have suggested, are the ultimate perishable, because the chain's future as an independent entity looks short. As the clock ticked away towards the end of the offer period and the City remained sniffy, the reduced price tags duly appeared.

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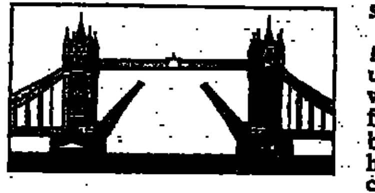

The shares, going for 180p to 190p initially, ended at a bargain-basement price of 145p. This represents a forward earnings multiple of 6.5, about half that enjoyed by J Sainsbury, and a generous prospective yield of 9 per cent. With hindsight, it is not clear what else the board and its advisers could have done. They were the ultimate forced sellers. The City was not taken by prospects for a business that competed with rivals such as Sainsbury and Tesco. But Somerfield needed to float if the banks were to get their money out. That need was reinforced by the huge rewards to directors of a successful stock market entry.

The first price tag of £540 to £570 million would have been used to repay Somerfield's debt, with some over to pay off a fraction of the far heavier borrowings of Isosceles, the vehicle for an earlier buyout and current owner of Somerfield. The price was cut once and that slim repayment to Isosceles was slimmed even further. Last night's final reduction probably wipes it out entirely, except what extra debt Somerfield can take on after flotation.

The alternative, staying private, did not offer much chance of paying off anyone's debt. The chain is not valuable enough to be broken up and sold to various retailers, because many of the individual shops would not have found buyers.

Predictably the City, having forced the price down to a level that suggests the only way the shares can go is up, was piling in last night. Advisers to Somerfield were feeling bitter. But this is the second time the company, in one guise or another, had looked at a float, and it had to happen now. There would have been no third time lucky.

A game of two bids

☐ YOU are a director and large shareholder in Leeds United Football Club. You receive two serious offers to buy the club from public companies. Do you accept the one that promises £12 million for buying new players? Or take the other, promising £15 million for the team?

If your answer is the latter, you are not acting in the interests of football and deserve no protection in the High Court. That is why the wonderfully named Mr Justice Rattee threw out the attempt by Peter Gilman, the Leeds deputy chairman, to stop media minnow Caspian's £16.5 million purchase of Leeds. While Mr Gilman's legal case might not have held water, one has to wonder why Leslie Silver, the outgoing Leeds chairman, and Bill Fotherby, incoming Leeds chairman, are so keen on Caspian's bid. After all, Leeds hired NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, which promptly advised that a rival £20 million offer from Conrad was more attractive. But instead both Mr Fotherby and Mr Silver stand to lose £1 million apiece by going with Caspian.

In fighting Mr Gilman, Caspian managed to issue a circular which contradicts its listing particulars, a press release which contradicts its circular and redevelopment plans for land Leeds does not even own. Yet it looks like walking away with one of the Premier League's leading teams at a price that is less than a twelfth of the current value of Manchester United. Caspian is perpetrating daylight robbery. And now Mr Gilman's legal case has been thrown out, it looks like no one can stop it. Funny game, football.

Carpet-bagger

☐ THE original carpet-baggers, long before the term was attached to greedy queues outside building societies, were northern US politicians foisted on the defeated Confederacy, to the disgust of local voters. How apt the epithet seems for Brandon Gough, Kent resident newly elected to the chair of Yorkshire Water. At yesterday's rowdy annual meeting Mr Gough was equally welcomed by the locals.

Takeover bid for Suter confirmed

By Alasdair Murray

SUTER, the engineering company, yesterday confirmed it had agreed a £275 million takeover bid from Ascot, bringing to an end the 15-year reign of David Abell, its controversial chairman.

The offer values Mr Abell's shares and warrants at £10 million. He also holds share options valued at around £300,000 and has a contract worth £700,000 if he leaves the company. No formal decision has been made on the future of the Suter directors, but only Bob Morris, deputy managing director, has been offered a position on the Ascot board.

Ascot is offering £763 in cash and 435 Ascot shares for every 1,000 Suter shares, equivalent to 225p a share. Shares in Ascot yesterday fell 24p to 334p, valuing Suter at £275 million. Shares in Suter rose 18p to close at 215p.

Ascot will take on £111 million of debt to fund the deal but said it expected to substantially reduce its borrowing by November 1998. The company will dispose of its remaining pub and hotel assets worth about £50 million. Ascot will also sell Suter's minority shareholdings and non-core businesses for between £20 and £40 million.

Howard Dyer, chairman and chief executive of Ascot, added that the company will then sell two of Suter's four main divisions which are refrigeration, speciality engineering, automotive components and chemicals. Mr Dyer said: "I do not want to be a conglomerate."

The company expects cost savings of £3 million a year from combining the two head offices, but it is not contemplating any big job losses elsewhere.

Suter will also pay an interim dividend of 3.9p for the six months ended June 30 provided the offer is declared unconditional, while Ascot said it expects to declare a final dividend of 3.9p for the nine months ending December 31.

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Scottish TV takes over Caledonian

By Eric Reguly

SCOTTISH TELEVISON, the ITV company that is 20 per cent owned by the Mirror Group, agreed yesterday to buy Caledonian Publishing, owner of the *The Herald* and *Evening Times* newspapers, for £120 million in cash.

Scottish Television said the deal will create a "uniquely positioned Scottish supplier of information and entertainment" and will allow the new group to offer cross-media advertising packages. The integration of some operations such as computer services is expected to achieve annual costs savings of £3 million, though no immediate redundancies are contemplated.

The TV company said the acquisition will enhance earnings immediately, triggering a 7p rise in the shares, to 638p.

Andrew Flanagan, managing director of Scottish Televison, is to replace Liam Kane as Caledonian's chief executive.

Lloyd's funds in merger

By Jon Ashworth

TWO Lloyd's of London corporate capital funds, CLM Insurance Fund and HCG Lloyd's Investment Trust, are merging to form Corporate Insurance Fund (CIF), with underwriting capacity of £320 million.

It intends to develop a wholly-owned managing agency, while maintaining a balanced "spread" portfolio on independent syndicates. CLM has an option to buy JH Chappell (Underwriting Agencies) for a maximum consideration of £650,000.

The merger is expected to give CIF one of the lowest-cost ratios of a "spread" vehicle in the Lloyd's market.

Lord Rees, CLM chairman, is to chair the enlarged group with John Morrell deputy chairman and Michael Wade chief executive. Net asset value per CLM share rose to 108.68p (96.40p) in the six months to end-June. Interim dividend is 1.5p (1.43p).

MAM to safeguard Cairn rights issue

By Carl Mortished

MERCURY Asset Management has agreed to sub-underwrite the whole of a £50 million rights issue by Cairn Energy at the market price. Discretionary clients of the fund management group will act as underwriters of last resort for the entire 1-for-5 share issue, priced at 280p, compared with a 281p Cairn closing price on Wednesday.

The money raised will fund development of the Sangu gas field in offshore Bangladesh — estimated to contain 1 trillion cubic feet of gas. MAM, which controls 11.3 per of Cairn, is sub-underwriting the share issue for a commission of ½ per cent, compared with normal 1¼ per cent. Bill Gammell, chief executive of Cairn, said: "Cairn is delighted that is has been able to raise substantial new funds in a cost efficient manner against a background of volatile equity markets."

Cairn shares rose over 10 per cent to 311p on the move and the news that a subsidiary of Halliburton Group, a US oil ndustry contractor, is to acquire an interest in Sangu.

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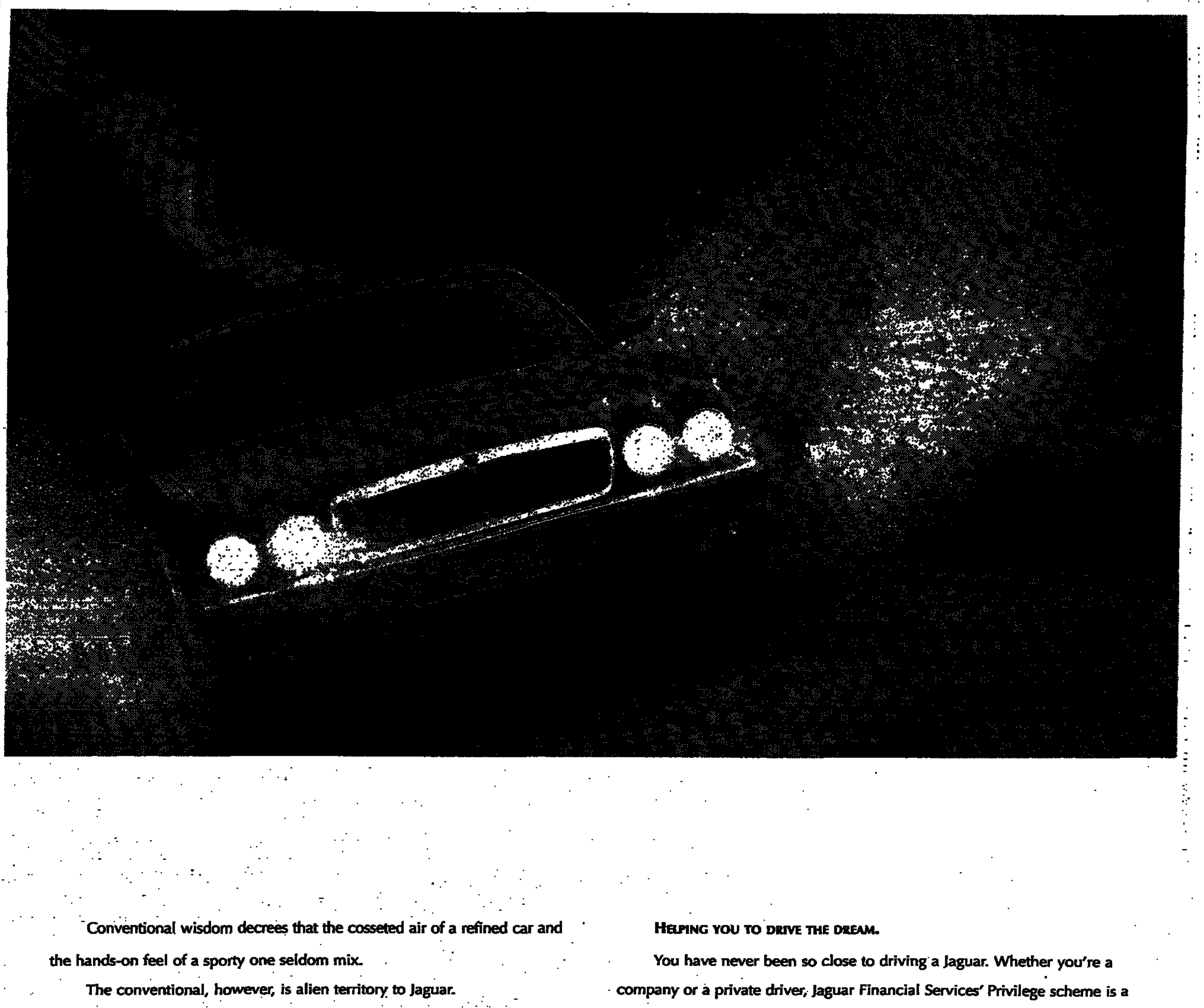

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STOCK MARKET SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Award of defence orders gives new heart to shares

SHARE prices in London were bolstered yesterday by a strong Wall Street opening and the award of up to £4 billion of defence contracts to mostly British companies.

The FT-SE 100 index closed up 15.9 points at 3,684.7 in thin trading, having drifted back mid-session on disappointment with the Bundesbank's decision to leave German rates unchanged.

The FT-SE recovered, along with Wall Street, after IBM reported second-quarter earnings that were down 23 per cent to $1.3 billion, but nonetheless above most forecasts.

Back in Britain, the Government decision to award the consortium led by **British Aerospace** the long-awaited £2 billion order to replace Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft, *and to award BAe and* France's Matra the £800 million contract for an air-launched Cruise missile, sent BAe shares up 18p to 943p and boosted the shares of other defence companies involved.

Traders said that expectations that the orders would go to BAe have been largely discounted in the price for some months, although recent worries that the contracts would be shelved because of Treasury spending curbs have acted as a depressant.

Rolls-Royce will make the new aircraft engines with systems produced by GEC and America's Boeing, and with radar made by Racal. **GEC**, which also won a separate £700 million contract for a new anti-tank weapon, was up ½p to 383p. Rolls-Royce was up 7½p to 224p. It will supply BR710 engines, produced by the BMW Rolls-Royce joint venture, to power the BAe Nimrod 2000 aircraft.

Racal shares eased 3p to 278p, while **Cobham** rose 5p to 632p. Its FR Aviation subsidiary has been chosen by BAe to re-engineer existing Nimrod airframes. It said the contract would be worth £100 million.

Lloyds TSB was up 9½p to 338p ahead of today's results and amid renewed hopes that it may buy the whole of Lloyds Abbey Life after the latter reported a 28 per cent jump to nearly £260 million in half-time profits on Wednesday.

Otherwise, thin volumes on the exchange were swollen by heavy trading in **Bank of Scotland** as investors adjusted their portfolios after BZW placed Standard Life's 32 per cent stake in the bank on Wednesday evening after a three-day formal book-building exercise. Bank of Scotland ticked up ½p to 232½p.

Scottish Television shares were higher on news that it is to take over the £120 million Caledonia Media. STV shares rose 7p to 638p.

Ascot Holdings' 237p offer for **Suter**, valuing the refrigeration, chemicals and specialist engineering group at £290 million, sent Suter's shares up 18p to 215p and Ascot down 27p to 334p.

ICI fell 16p to 761p after its second quarter proved even more difficult than anticipated, with "clean" pre-tax profits plunging 43 per cent to £165 million from £289 million a year earlier. The six-month figure was £367 million (£510 million). Results crumbled under the weight of lower prices in industrial chemicals. As a result, ICI is accelerating its performance improvement programme, involving a £137 million one-off hit.

A report by the magazine *Marketing Week*, reviving the long-running controversy about the terms of **Dixons'** warranties, sent its shares down 13½p to 479½p. Nick Bubb, retail analyst, of MeesPierson called the report a "red herring", however, and said it was a buy opportunity.

Boots rose 15p to 599p after it reported a 5 per cent increase in like-for-like sales at Boots The Chemists and strong signs of recovery in DIY. This prompted analysts to lift current forecasts. Tony Shiret of BZW raised his forecast for full-year pre-tax profits to £552 million, up £10 million. Do It All boosted like-for-like sales by 8.4 per cent in the period. **Body Shop** shares also rose in Boots' wake to close up 11p at 193p.

On AIM, **Toad**, whose chairman is Chris Evans, was up 13p to 91p on the announcement it has secured a major contract with Volkswagen, which is to market one of its products, a security film for windows, as an approved accessory for the UK.

British Gas was up 2p to 193½p in heavy volumes on two items of news. One was a contract to sell 20 billion cubic metres of natural gas over ten years to Wingas of Kassel, Germany. The second was *confirmation that it has issued* a £1 billion writ against the Department of Trade and Industry claiming repayment of sums paid as gas levy.

Shares in **Christian Salvesen**, the transport company, shot up 60p to 349p after it confirmed that it had received an approach from **Hays**, the business services group. Hays fell 26p to 414p.

Reuters slid 17p to 686p after falling 25p on Wednesday. Traders said doubts about the company's ability to maintain its very high rating emerged after cautious comments from the management at half-time on Wednesday.

Shares in **W S Atkins**, the civil engineering consultancy, set a premium on their first day of trading. The shares were floated at 215p and ended at 229p, valuing the company at £197.8 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bond prices closed largely unchanged after a dip during the day on the back of a smaller than expected coverage of the long gilt auction. Prices later recovered in line with rising German and US markets.

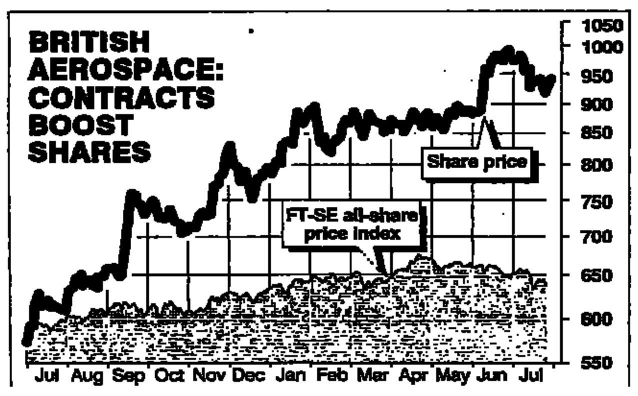
In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished unchanged at £106 31/32 in active trade of 57,000 contracts.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was up 1/16 at 98 7/32 while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was down 1/16 to 103 3/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Strong earnings news from IBM helped to renew interest in shares on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 56.22 points higher at 5,410.91.

Chris Evans, right, and Kevin Turnbull, chief executive, *of Toad, up 13p, test their successful window security film*

East Midlands electricity shares shot ahead in the last half-hour of trading on the back of renewed speculation of a takeover bid. The shares closed at 571p, up 32p from 539p but off their intra-day high of 583p. The company is one of a handful of independent electricity companies still in the bid frame.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5410.91 (+56.22)
S&P Composite	631.98 (+5.33)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	20883.84 (+252.81)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10706.97 (+7.11)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	523.61 (+10.81)
Sydney:	
AO	2115.1 (+1.2)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2465.00 (+17.20)
Singapore:	
Straits	2127.38 (-9.75)
Brussels:	
General	9187.70 (+45.05)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1974.67 (+20.57)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	742.90 (+10.00)
London:	
FT 30	2704.9 (+12.1)
FT 100	3684.7 (+15.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	4205.3 (+23.3)
FT-SE-A 350	1846.5 (+8.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1598.08 (+8.62)
FT A All-Share	1827.38 (+7.99)
FT Non Financials	1936.16 (+6.74)
FT Fixed Interest	112.75 (-0.08)
FT Govt Secs	92.74 (-0.36)
Bargains	24890
SEAQ Volume	586.1m
USM (Datastrm)	201.24 (-0.57)
US$	1.5580 (+0.0039)
German Mark	2.3027 (+0.0093)
Exchange Index	84.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.2076
E:SDR	1.0665
RPI	153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Allizyme	48	...
Allied Carpets	232	+ 2
Alumax	1909¼	+ 03¼
Atkins WS	229	...
BATM Adv Cms	128	...
Belhaven Brewery	196	...
British Energy (100)	97½	+ ½
Digital Animations	81	+ 1
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electronic Retail	148	...
Fayrewood	51	...
Hat Pin	57	...
Hoare Govett	97	...
Independent Brit	78	+ 2
Life Numbers	15	...
Life Numbers Wts	6	...
Lotteryking	4¼	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	18	...
Pace Micro (172)	174	- 2
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
Quintain Ests & Dev	114	...
Robert Walters	116	...
Selector	70	...
Templeton Cntrl	96¼	- ¼
Therap'tic Anti	505	- 2
UNO	168	+ 3
Watermark	17	+ 4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Greene Kng n/p (545)	42	- 6
Old English n/p (100)	16	...
Sema Gp n/p (595)	124	+ 1½
Syn Cap n/p (110)	2	...
Tinsley R n/p (130)	1¼	...
TransTec n/p (103)	10	...
Tullow Oil n/p (80)	7½	...
Vardy n/p (300)	4	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Admiral	295p (+30p)
Suter	215p (+18p)
PizzaExpress	398p (+28p)
FALLS:	
Hunting	120p (-9p)
ICI	761p (-17p)
Reuters	686p (-17p)
Abbey Ntl	549p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Little logic in logistics

IF Christian Salvesen's board are looking for guidance over the next few weeks, they could do worse than ask John Clark, the former chief executive of BET, the services group that recently succumbed to a bid from Rentokil. Hays has yet to launch a bid for Salvesen. Yet, there are some similarities in the circumstances of both sets of companies and the comparisons to be drawn are not flattering for either Hays or Salvesen.

The latter company was yesterday pouring large buckets of cold water on the thought that a deal might be agreed with Hays. However, Salvesen, like the unfortunate BET, has been living under a cloud. Its share price has performed in dismal fashion, scarcely breaching 290p for the last three years. Salvesen has shown itself to be in thrall to UK food distribution.

For Hays, which also owns a logistics business, the question must be why it seeks to increase its presence in such a poor market. The takeover, which could cost Hays £1 billion at yesterday's market price, would make Hays the second largest logistics group in the UK, after NFC. A dubious prize, it has to be said, in the circumstances. Nor can Hays add anything to Salvesen's most successful business, Aggreko, which leases air conditioning plant.

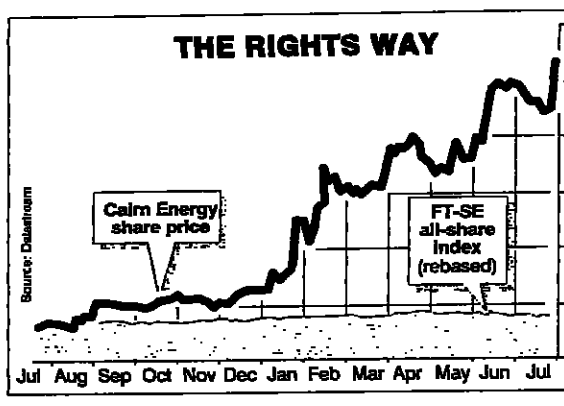
Hays reckons the real prize is in Europe but few distribution groups have made a success of that market and investors were hoping for more developments in specialist distribution in the UK, not megabids. As with Rentokil, there must be the suspicion that Hays is seeking a big deal to propel a growth rate that threatened to slow.

Cairn Energy

CAIRN Energy has found its sugar daddy and, contrary to earlier market speculation, it isn't Mobil. Nor is it Halliburton, the American contractor which yesterday agreed a 25 per cent farm-in to Cairn's Bangladeshi gas field. The mystery benefactor is Mercury Asset Management, which is underwriting the *entirety* of Cairn's £50 million cash call at a commission rate of 0.5 per cent.

In truth, it was not a difficult decision for MAM. Over the past year, the fund manager has seen its investment in Cairn triple in value and prospects still look good for Cairn in Bangladesh. The oil company is expecting production of about 200 million cubic feet per day in a country that is currently *suffering* a power shortage, amounting to some 250 million cubic feet. Cairn's production sharing contract with the government of Bangladesh gives it 50 per cent of the profit oil and a gas price not far from current prices for North Sea gas.

In volunteering to act as insurer for the entire fundraising at less than half the normal rate, MAM will have saved Cairn about £400,000 in underwriting fees — a significant sum for a small oil company. That is a welcome development in the light of the OFT's concern about commission rates, but it raises another question. If fund managers are becoming so proactive, what is the role left for merchant bankers and what is the justification for their fees?



British Telecom

DO NOT be surprised if BT goes knocking on the door of Cable and Wireless again. Citing irreconcilable differences, the two companies ended their merger negotiations in May and decided to pursue independent strategies. But, for each, the problems remain. C&W still bears more resemblance to an investment trust than a global telecoms group, and BT, with its domestic operations, has to deal with the regulator.

BT's quarterly results only reinforce the perception that BT needs to break out of its British prison. Oftel-imposed price reductions reduced its turnover by £130 million and international call revenue and growth are on the wane. The situation will only get worse when the Government awards a flurry of new overseas call licences later this year. Cellnet, BT's mobile phone company, continues to grow by leaps and bounds but investors would be foolish to expect it to reverse BT's fortunes. The mobile phone market is on the verge of a price war and it is only a matter of time before Oftel takes an interest in the pricing structure and restrictive trade practices of mobile phone companies, including the absence of phone-number portability.

BT should go out of its way to avoid a monopolies referral over the fair-trading clause that Oftel wants to attach to its licence and pursue an overseas expansion strategy. Joining forces with C&W still looks like the best option, and the market appears to agree. The shares of both companies rocketed when merger talks were announced but plummeted when the talks collapsed.

Suter

SHAREHOLDERS in Suter, the engineering company, are probably feeling some relief that Ascot has provided them with the chance to escape a lengthy period in the doldrums. But Ascot shareholders will have a few concerns over the £266 million takeover.

Success will depend on Ascot's ability to quickly reduce borrowings of £111 million. Ascot has done well so far auctioning its own businesses but the company's ability to get good prices for both its remaining assets and the non-core Suter businesses cannot be taken for granted by investors.

Equally, Ascot's reluctance to identify which Suter divisions will be retained has worried some in the City. Protestations that the new Ascot will not be a conglomerate seem at odds with a strategy that in its vagueness brings to mind the conglomerate approach to takeovers.

Suter shareholders will shed few tears about selling out, but Ascot's investors should cast a critical eye over forthcoming disposals.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	987-977	Sep	1059-1056
Sep	998-996	Dec	1074-1065
Dec	1010-1009	Mar	1082-1078
Mar	1025-1024	May	1092-1088
May	1038-1035		
Jul	1045-1046		Volume: 2830

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1495-1485	Mar	1386-1385
Sep	1512-1510	May	1378-1370
Nov	1480-1477	Jul	1380-1360
Jan	1432-1425		Volume: 2928

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	336.0-34.3
Spot: 365.5		Aug	333.5-30.5
Oct	347.1-46.0	Oct	321.5-20.0
Dec	341.6-41.3	Dec	324.0-20.5
Mar	339.9-39.3		Volume: 1146

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative *markets on July 24*

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	107.42	97.26	99.38
(+/-)	-5.03	-15.42	-0.85
Eng/Wales:	107.42	98.29	98.28
(+/-)	-5.03	-14.87	-1.24
(%)	-21.0	-45.0	-5.0
Scotland:	unq	92.60	104.50
(+/-)	...	-17.08	-0.22
(%)	...	-25.0	+28.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.45	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.25	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.85	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.85	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.30	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	201 (-4)	204 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	183 (-1)	185 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (n/c)	89 (n/c)
Naphtha	192 (n/c)	195 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	178.25-78.50	Nov	172.00-72.25
Sep	175.00-75.25	Dec	171.00-71.25
Oct	173.50-73.75		Vol: 9793

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	19.27-19.28	Dec	18.16-18.21
Oct	18.85-18.88	Jan	n/a
Nov	18.52 SLR		Vol: 12853

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	111.50	Sep	103.00
Nov	113.55	Nov	105.65
Jan	115.45	Jan	107.65
Mar	117.50	Mar	109.50
May	119.75	May	111.00
	Volume: 206		Volume: 62

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	121.1	118.5
		Volume: 122

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 91.75-92.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1080	1080	1080
Aug 96	1080	1069	1075
Sep 96	1120	1115	1120
Oct 96	1215	1211	1215
Vol: 83 lots			Open interest: 4708

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2085.0-2095.0	1963.0-1964.0	1309925
Lead ($/tonne)	764.00-765.00	792.00-793.00	152250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	999.50-1000.5	1026.0-1026.5	204850
Tin ($/tonne)	6215.0-6220.0	6270.0-6280.0	21295
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1470.0-1471.0	1505.5-1506.0	1067525
Nickel ($/tonne)	7005.0-7010.0	7119.0-7120.0	49764

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	420	24	32	34½	10	20½	21
(*428½)	460	8½	14½	17	34	45½	45½
ASDA	110	8	10½	12½	4	5½	7
(*115)	120	3½	6½	9½	9	11	12
Boots	550	58	64½	75	3	8½	12
(*598½)	600	21	32½	43½	18	26½	30½
Br Airways	500	31	40½	51½	10½	19	24
(*513)	550	10	18½	28½	40	45½	50
BP	550	44	52½	59½	6½	13	18½
(*586)	600	15	24½	32½	27½	36	41½
Br Steel	160	18½	21	23½	2½	5	6½
(*174½)	180	6½	9½	13	10	14½	16
C & W	390	29	37½	45	9½	15½	19
(*404½)	420	13½	22	29½	23	30½	33½
CU	550	37	48	55	11	17½	28½
(*579½)	600	10½	26	30½	39	44½	56
ICI	750	31	50	60½	23	31	46
(*763½)	800	11½	27½	37½	53½	59	74½
Land Sec	600	49	56	63½	3	9	10½
(*638½)	650	16½	24½	33	19	28	30½
M & S	460	34½	42	50½	5½	10½	13½
(*490)	500	11	19½	28	23½	28½	31½
Nat West	600	34½	51	57	16	24½	35½
(*622½)	650	13	27½	33	45	52	63½
Safeway plc	300	29	35½	40½	4½	9½	12½
(*321½)	330	11	18½	24	16½	23	26
Sainsbury	360	17	24	30½	9	16	18
(*363½)	390	5	11	17	28	33½	35
Shell	900	38	49	62	18	25	34
(*919½)	950	13½	24½	36	47	52½	61½
Smkl Bch	687	29	—	—	23½	—	—
(*691)	736	10½	—	—	55½	—	—
Storehse	280	16	—	—	7	—	—
(*286)	300	6½	—	—	18	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1350	80½	107½	129½	36½	57½	71
(*1389½)	1400	54	80½	100½	60	77½	94
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	37	42½	50½	3	11½	15
(*496)	500	8	19½	28½	20	29	33
Vodafone	220	12	20	23	3½	9½	11½
(*227½)	240	2½	11	13½	14½	20	22
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grand Met	420	14	28	34½	6	13½	22
(*426)	460	1	10½	17½	34	37½	45½
Ladbroke	180	11½	17½	22½	2½	8	11½
(*188½)	200	2½	8½	13½	13½	19	22½
Utd Bisc	220	6	14	19	5	12	15½
(*220)	240	0½	6½	11	20	25½	27½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	460	25	32	39½	10½	18	20½
(*469)	500	7	14	20½	34½	40	42
Thames W.	500	50½	57½	65	4½	11½	15½
(*540½)	550	18½	28	36½	20	33	37½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	220	20½	24	27	0	4½	6
(*239)	240	6	11½	15½	5	13½	15
Br Aero	900	54½	75	95	6	21½	29½
(*943½)	950	23	46½	67	24	42½	50½
Br Telcm	330	28	29	33	2½	8½	14
(*357½)	360	4	11½	17½	17½	22½	30
Cadbury	460	38	46½	57	1	8	13
(*495)	500	9½	22½	34	12½	25	30
Guinness	460	13½	23½	34½	6½	16½	20½
(*465½)	500	1	7½	16½	34½	41	43
GEC	360	26	36½	41	1	6	10
(*383½)	390	6	17	23	11½	18	22½
Hanson	140	17½	19	20	0	2½	6
(*157)	160	3	7	8½	5½	11½	16
LASMO	180	6½	12½	17½	3	7	8½
(*185)	200	0½	4½	8½	17	19½	20
Lucas	200	16	23	27½	2	7½	8½
(*213)	220	4½	12½	16½	11	15½	17½
Pilkingtn	191	8½	—	—	3	—	—
(*195)	210	1½	—	—	15½	—	—
Prudential	420	11	20½	30½	8½	19	24
(*420½)	460	1	7½	14½	39½	46	49½
Redland	390	30½	40	46	2½	10½	14
(*417½)	420	10	22	29½	11½	23½	27
R-Royce	220	9	16½	22	4	10½	13
(*224)	240	1½	7½	13	17	22	24½
Tesco	280	13½	20½	27	3½	10	13½
(*288)	300	3½	11	17½	14	21	24
Williams	330	8	14½	—	6	14	—
(*331½)	360	0½	4	—	28½	35	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3685)

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Aug	145½	104	69	41	20½	8½
Sep	170	133½	102½	73	51	33
Oct	188½	152½	122½	93½	71	50½
Nov	208	173	143	113½	90	67
Dec	—	194	—	136	—	98½
Puts						
Aug	12½	21½	35½	58	88½	126
Sep	32	45	63	84	111½	145
Oct	47	60	79	100	127½	157½
Nov	58	74	93	113½	130½	167
Dec	—	89½	—	120½	—	184

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	500	51½	60	70½	4	9	20½
(*549½)	550	16½	30½	41	20½	28½	43
Amstrad	180	17	22½	—	7½	12	—
(*195½)	200	5	13½	—	19½	23	—
Barclays	800	30	39	54½	27	35½	52½
(*801)	850	5½	20½	33	63½	66½	93
Blue Circ	360	15	23½	28	12	17	19
(*363)	390	3½	11½	15	32	36	37
Br Gas	180	17	20½	23½	3	6	11
(*193½)	200	5½	9	14	11½	16	19½
Dixons	460	32	45½	53½	7	13½	18½
(*481)	500	11	24	33	26	32½	37½
Forte	343	21	—	—	0½	—	—
(*364)	373	4½	—	—	11	—	—
Tarmac	100	5½	9	11	4½	5	8
(*101)	110	2	5	7	10½	14½	15
Hillsdwn	160	9½	13	15½	3½	7	8
(*165½)	180	1½	4½	6½	15½	18½	19½
Lonrho	160	7	11½	14½	4½	9	10
(*163)	190	1	4	7	19½	21	22
Sears	90	11	12½	—	0½	1½	—
(*99½)	100	4	6	—	3½	5½	—
Thorn	1600	106	132½	—	10	30½	—
(*1695)	1700	42	75	—	65	94	—
Tomkins	260	7½	13	17½	13	15½	18½
(*260½)	280	1½	6½	10½	29½	30	32
Lloyds TSB	330	15½	25½	31½	7	14½	22
(*338½)	360	3	12½	18	27	31½	36
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	850	58½	78½	93	19½	29	41½
(*898½)	900	30½	51½	66	41	52½	66
HSBC	1050	40½	74½	91	38	54	70
(*1058)	1100	25½	51½	68½	66	82	98½
Reuter	650	57½	72	82½	12½	20½	30
(*688)	700	29	41	55	33	43	52½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	366	15½	24	28	17	23	30
(*366½)	394	7½	13½	16½	36	40½	47½
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	600	41	59	67	13½	23½	32
(*624½)	650	15½	33½	41½	39	48½	57
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1200	49	95½	107½	16½	26½	31
(*1217½)	1250	22	33½	53	42	51	55
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Nat Pwr	360	27½	35½	43½	5½	13	17
(*379)	400	7½	15½	25	24½	33½	37½
Scot Pwr	300	17½	20½	26	10½	17	21½
(*311)	330	3	9½	14	31½	35½	40

July 25, 1996 Tot: 26919 Call: 11774 Put: 15145 FT-SE Call: 2430 Put: 2611

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3680.0	3694.0	3666.0	3690.0	11606
Previous open interest: 62488	Dec 96				3710.0	0
FT-SE 250	Sep 96				4200.0	0
Previous open interest: 3491	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.24	94.25	94.22	94.23	15153
Previous open interest: 407581	Dec 96	94.14	94.15	94.11	94.14	24772
	Mar 97	93.86	93.88	93.84	93.87	7619
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.79	98.80	98.79	98.79	196
	Mar 97	98.50	98.50	98.50	98.50	100
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.72	96.74	96.65	96.67	54839
Previous open interest: 985596	Dec 96	96.62	96.65	96.52	96.58	64370
Long Gilt	Sep 96	106-27	107-01	106-12	106-31	59478
Previous open interest: 135326	Dec 96	105-24	105-24	105-24	106-05	66
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	118.70	118.94	118.74	118.83	2136
	Dec 96	117.69	117.71	117.66	117.71	478
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	96.72	97.19	96.50	97.15	210502
Previous open interest: 233720	Dec 96	95.85	96.24	95.64	96.23	508
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.68	95.68	95.61	95.62	1759
Previous open interest: 25422	Dec 96	95.66	95.67	95.58	95.60	731
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.44	97.47	97.35	97.43	6612
Previous open interest: 71897	Dec 96	97.34	97.36	97.25	97.31	5126
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	116.68	117.17	116.42	116.55	56147
Previous open interest: 67350	Dec 96	116.35	116.35	115.90	115.84	311

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½ ; 3 mth [illegible] . Sell: 2 mth [illegible] ; 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible] close 5½

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.35	n/a	5.54	5.75	6.09
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-2
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.20-385.50 Close: $384.80-385.30 High: $385.45-385.95 Low: $384.05-384.55 AM: $385.05 PM: $384.60

Krugerrand: $384.00-387.00 (£246.50-248.50)

Platinum: $395.75 (£253.95) **Silver:** $4.99 (£3.205) **Palladium:** $131.65 (£84.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5839-2.6002	2.5840-2.5870	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	47.410-47.770	47.430-47.519	11-9pr	30-28pr
Copenhagen	8.8750-8.9360	8.8781-8.8870	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9608-0.9645	0.9609-0.9626	4-1pr	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.3005-2.3158	2.3005-2.3032	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	236.52-238.19	236.53-236.82	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	195.24-196.19	195.26-195.47	23-32ds	67-85ds
Milan	2352.0-2365.1	2362.3-2365.1	5-7ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.1298-2.1401	2.1372-2.1392	0.24-0.19pr	0.46-0.38pr
New York	1.5528-1.5580	1.5566-1.5575	0.057-0.037pr	0.065-0.035pr
Oslo	9.8966-9.9570	9.8966-9.9140	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.7990-7.8460	7.8009-7.8081	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.171-10.238	10.158-10.209	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	167.76-168.58	168.41-168.58	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.189-16.302	16.189-16.210	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	1.8774-1.8870	1.8780-1.8799	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2691-1.2700
Austria	10.38-10.39
Belgium (Com)	30.40-30.44
Canada	1.3726-1.3731
Denmark	1.4780-1.4785
France	5.0071-5.0081
Germany	1.4770-1.4780
Hong Kong	7.7328-7.7338
Ireland	1.6175-1.6195
Italy	1517.50-1518.50
Japan	108.10-108.17
Malaysia	2.4895-2.4905
Netherlands	1.6582-1.6588
Norway	6.3547-6.3585
Portugal	151.99-152.04
Singapore	1.4150-1.4160
Spain	125.35-125.40
Sweden	6.5390-6.5490
Switzerland	1.2045-1.2055

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5574-1.5600
Australia dollar	1.9768-1.9787
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.5753-1.5795
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7090-0.7190
Finland markka	6.9775-7.0935
Greece drachma	365.00-372.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0469-12.0524
India rupee	54.82-55.78
Indonesia rupiah	3586.0-3654.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4600-0.4700
Malaysia ringgit	3.8784-3.8812
New Zealand dollar	2.2355-2.2384
Pakistan rupee	54.84 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5900-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2044-2.2067
S Africa rand (com)	6.8310-6.9330
U A E dirham	5.6425-5.7665

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Marks Spr	10,000
ASDA Gp	12,000	NatWst Bk	2,000
Abbey Ntl	3,800	Nat Grid	328
Allied Dom	2,500	Nat Power	1,400
Argos	486	Next	1,900
AB Foods	209	Orange	2,300
BAA	1,700	P & O	290
BAT Inds	995	Pearson	629
BOC	781	Pilkington	1,500
BP	3,700	Powergen	2,100
BSkyB	2,100	Prudential	5,300
BTR	4,700	RMC	230
BT	3,500	RTZ	1,200
Bk of Scot	42,500	Rank Org	3,000
Barclays	4,700	Reckitt Col	1,600
Bass	3,600	Redland	997
Blue Circle	1,100	Reed Intl	761
Boots	3,600	Rentokil	1,900
BAe	3,300	Reuters	11,000
BA	1,100	Rolls Royce	3,000
Brit Gas	6,700	Royal & Sun	1,300
Brit Steel	3,500	Royal Bk Scot	1,900
Burmah Cstl	356	Safeway	1,800
Burton	5,300	Sainsbury	1,500
Cable Wire	3,600	Schroders	23
Cadbury	1,100	Scot & New	141
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot Power	1,300
Cm Union	807	Svrn Trent	1,000
Cookson	977	Shell Trans	2,100
Courtaulds	445	Siebe	588
Dixons	3,400	SmKl Bch	3,900
Enterpr Oil	631	Smith Nph	1,300
GKN	617	Smiths Inds	590
GRE	2,600	Sthern Elec	596
GUS	3,600	Std Chartd	2,500
Gen Acc	568	TI Gp	227
Gen Elec	13,100	Tate & Lyle	276
Glaxo Well	1,900	Tesco	1,500
Granada	903	Thames W	2,400
Grand Met	4,500	Thrn EMI	1,200
Guinness	2,200	Tomkins	2,400
HSBC	2,100	Unilever	1,800
Hanson	6,800	Utd Utilities	1,000
ICI	7,300	Utd News	1,900
Kingfisher	3,400	Vodafone	6,000
LASMO	371	Whitbread	3,100
Ladbroke	1,300	Wlims Hld	801
Land Secs	2,200	Wolseley	656
Legal & Gn	515	Zeneca	368
Lloyds TSB	13,000		

WALL STREET

	Jul 25 midday	Jul 24 close
AMP Inc	36	36
AMR Corp	79	77
ASA	38	38
AT & T	51	50
Abbott Labs	44	43
Advanced Micro	10	11
Aetna Life	62	62
Ahmanson (HF)	25	24
Air Prod & Chem	52	52
AirTouch Comm	26	25
Alberto-Culver B	42	42
Albertson's	39	40
Alcan Aluminm	29	29
Alco Standard	42	41
Allied Signal	58	58
Alum Co of Am	56	56
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	44	43
Amer El Power	42	42
Amer Express	43	42
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	56	55
Amer Intl	92	92
Amer Stores	36	35
Amer Standard	29	29
Ameritech	55	55
Amoco	68	67
Anheuser-Busch	74	73
Apple Computer	21	20
Archer Daniels	16	16
Armco	4	4
Armstrng Wrld	54	54
Asarco	24	23
Atl Richfield	117	118
Auto Data Pro	39	37
Avery Dennison	52	50
Avon Products	43	42
Baker Hughes	31	32
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	33	33
BankAmerica	79	77
Bank of NY	50	49
Bankers Tr NY	72	70
Barnett Banks	60	59
Bausch & Lomb	36	35
Baxter Intl	41	42
Becton Dickson	74	72
Bell Atlantic	59	58
Bell Industries	16	16
BellSouth	41	41
Black & Decker	37	37
Block (H&R)	24	24
Boeing	86	85
Boise Cascade	31	30
Bristol Myers Sq	86	86
Browning Ferris	22	25
Brunswick	18	18
Burlington Nthn	79	78
CMS Energy Corp	30	30
CNA Financial	99	99
CPC Intl	66	66
CSX	46	45
Campbell Soup	66	66
Can Pacific	21	20
Carolina Pwr	35	35
Caterpillar	64	65
Central & SW	27	27
Champion Intl	40	41
Chase Manhat	69	69
Chevron Corp	58	57
Chrysler	29	28
Chubb Corp	42	43
Cigna Corp	108	107
Citicorp	81	80
Clorox	87	88
Coastal Corp	40	40
Coca Cola	46	45
Colgate-Palmolive	79	82
Columbia Gas	53	52
ColumbiaHCA	50	50
Compaq Comp	50	49
Comp Ass Intl	48	48
Conagra	42	42
Conrail	65	65
Cons Edison	26	27
Cons Nat Gas	51	52
Cooper Inds	38	38
Corestates	38	38
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	44	42
Dana Corp	28	28
Dayton Hudson	29	29
Deere	35	35
Delta Air Lines	69	68
Deluxe Corp	35	35
Digital Equip	34	34
Dillard Dept St	32	31
Disney (Walt)	54	54
Dominion Res	37	37
Donnelley (RR)	31	30
Dover Corp	41	42
Dow Chemical	72	70
Dow Jones	38	38
Dresser	27	26
Duke Power	48	48
Dun & Bradstreet	57	56
Du Pont	79	77
Eastman Chem	52	51
Eastman Kodak	73	73

	Jul 25 midday	Jul 24 close
Eaton Corp	54	54
Edison Intl	15	15
Emerson Elec	83	82
Engelhard Corp	20	20
Enron Corp	39	40
Entergy	25	25
Ethyl Corp	8	9
Exxon	83	83
FMC Corp	63	62
FPL Group	46	46
Federal Express	77	76
Fed Nat Mtge	32	31
First Bk Sys	59	59
First Union Rlty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	39	38
Fluor Corp	59	58
Ford Motor	32	31
GTE Corp	41	41
Gannett	64	64
Gap Inc Del	29	29
Gen Dynamics	62	62
Gen Electric	80	79
Gen Mills	54	54
Gen Motors	47	46
Gen Reinsurance	149	149
Gen Signal	36	35
Genuine Parts	42	42
Georgia Pac	74	73
Gillette	62	63
Glaxo Welc ADR	29	27
Goodrich (BF)	36	35
Goodyear Tire	43	41
Grace (W&R)	62	62
Gt Atl Pac Tea	27	27
Great Wstn Fin	23	22
Halliburton	55	55
Harcourt General	46	45
Heinz (HJ)	32	32
Hercules	50	49
Hershey Foods	79	78
Hewlett Packard	43	43
Hilton Hotels	100	97
Home Depot	50	50
Homestake Mng	15	15
Honeywell	51	49
Household Intl	71	69
Houston Inds	22	22
Humana	16	16
ITT Corp	54	54
Illinois Tool	62	62
Illinova	26	26
INCO	30	30
Ingersoll Rand	40	39
Inland Steel	17	17
Intel Corp	71	69
IBM	100	97
Intl Flav & Fr	41	41
Intl Paper	37	37
James River Va	25	24
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	47	47
Kellogg	74	74
Kerr-McGee	60	59
Kimberly-Clark	77	76
Kmart	9	9
Knight-Ridder	65	66
Lilly (Eli)	57	57
Limited Inc	18	18
Lincoln Nat	42	42
Litton	41	42
Liz Claiborne	31	31
Lockheed Martin	81	81
Louisiana Pac	20	20
MCI Comm	23	23
Marriott Intl	50	49
Marsh & McLnn	90	89
Masco Corp	26	27
May Dept St	43	43
Maytag Corp	19	18
McDonalds	46	45
McDonnell D	46	45
McGraw Hill	38	38
Mead Corp	53	53
Medtronic	46	47
Mellon Bk	51	51
Melville Corp	38	37
Merck Inc	64	64
Merrill Lynch	60	56
Microsoft	117	114
Minnesota Mine	65	65
Mobil Corp	112	112
Monsanto	30	29
Morgan (JP)	85	84
Motorola Inc	55	51
Natl Semi	13	13
Natl Service Ind	38	37
Navistar Intl	9	9
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	46	46
Niag Mohawk	7	6
Nike B	98	98
NL Industries	9	10
Noram Energy	10	10
Nordstrom	41	40
Norfolk Sthrn	82	81
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	33	33
Nynex Corp	45	44
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle	36	36

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Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Overseas Ship	16	16
Owens Corning	38	37
PHH Corp	51	51
PPG Industries	47	47
PNC Bank	29	29
PP&L Res	22	22
Paccar Inc	47	46
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	29	29
Pac Gas & Elec	20	20
Pac Telesis	33	33
Pall Corp	22	22
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Peco Energy	24	24
Penney (JC)	49	48
Pennzoil	46	46
Pepsico	32	32
Pfizer	71	71
Pharm & Upjhn	40	40
Phelps Dodge	56	56
Philip Morris	100	99
Phillips Pet	41	40
Pitney Bowes	47	45
Polaroid	43	42
PriceCostco	20	20
Procter & Gmbl	85	85
Providian	39	39
Pub Serv E & G	26	26
Quaker Oats	31	30
Ralston Purina	60	61
Raychem Corp	63	61
Raytheon	45	44
Reebok Intl	31	30
Reynolds Metals	50	50
Rockwell Intl	51	51
Rohm & Haas	56	56
Royal Dutch	150	149
Rubbermaid	27	27
SBC Comms	49	49
Safeco Corp	33	33
St Paul Cos	53	53
Salomon Inc	41	40
Sara Lee Corp	31	30
Schering Plough	58	58
Schlumberger	82	82
Seagram	32	31
Sears Roebuck	41	41
Shell Trans	86	85
Sherwin Wlms	43	43
Skyline Corp	23	23
Snap-On-Tools	42	42
Southern Co	22	22
Sprint Corp	35	35
Stanley Works	28	28
Sun Company	26	26
Sun Microsys	51	50
Suntrust	36	36
Supervalu	27	28
Sysco Corp	29	29
TRW Inc	83	84
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	42	41
Teledyne	35	35
Temple Inland	49	46
Tenneco	47	46
Texaco	84	84
Texas Inst	42	41
Texas Utilities	42	42
Textron	79	79
Time Warner	34	34
Times-Mirror A	40	39
Timken	37	37
Torchmark	41	41
Toys R Us	26	26
Transamerica	70	71
Travelers	41	40
Tribune	68	67
Tyco Intl	40	39
UST Inc	33	33
UAL	47	46
US Inds	22	22
US West Comm	30	30
USX Marathon	20	20
Unicom	24	24
Unilever NV	139	138
Union Camp	48	47
Union Carbide	38	37
Union Pacific	69	68
Unisys Corp	5	5
USAIR Group	17	17
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	30	29
United Tech	107	107
Unocal Corp	31	31
VF Corp	56	57
WMX Tech	29	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23
Warner-Lambert	54	54
Wells Fargo	226	223
Westinghouse El	16	16
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	48	48
Whitman	22	22
Winn Dixie	34	33
Woolworth	19	20
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	49
Xerox	50	49
Yellow Corp	12	12

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Mr Merseyside bows out

JOHN MOORES, eldest son of Sir John Moores, founder of the Littlewoods Organisation, is retiring from the board after 50 years with the company. Known as Mr Merseyside, the old-Etonian joined Littlewoods straight after leaving school, to be made an executive director four years later. As Chancellor of The Liverpool John Moores University and freeman of the City of Liverpool, one of Moores's most treasured titles is his presidency of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society. At 67, he has bred pedigree cattle for almost 40 years.

AFTER a tense legal battle, the whistle has been blown, and Caspian, the media publishing group, has emerged as the winner in its pre-season "unfriendly" for Leeds United. Defenders-turned-strikers, Edge & Ellison, the firm of legal advisers, was cheering from the sideline all the way. So, is it Elland Road season tickets all round? Perhaps not — David Mandell, lead partner on the deal, is an Arsenal supporter.

Cresswell's rules

DAVID CRESWELL may not be a well-known name outside City circles but millions of investors have reason to be grateful to him. As a final act before departing today for a new charity venture, called Gifts in Kind, the spokesman for the Investors Compensation Scheme, the ultimate safety net for people who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, has penned a handy fact sheet telling us all how to avoid the investment sharks. Not only is Creswell's *101 Golden Rules for Investors* required reading, but it might also reduce the £100 million the ICS has paid out since 1988.

"There weren't many other applicants"

Tin box estate

ROCKETER Estate, home of the founder of Metal Box Company, is for sale at offers of £975,000. Surrounded by formal gardens and paddocks, Sir Robert Barlow bought the 80-acre estate in 1942. The wealthy industrialist lived on the estate in the woodlands of Wendover until his death in 1976. It was while living in the Chilterns that the tin box maker was knighted for his contribution to the ship building industry. Margaret Rawlings, the actress and wealthy industrialist's wife, who once joked that she had married a tinker, died last May, aged 90.

Fountainhead

FIDELITY Investments, located in a lavish 31-acre estate in Kent, is forking out a fortune for a huge revolving fountain. In anticipation of chairman Ned Johnson III's arrival in England, builders are working hammer and tongs, under his instruction from across the pond, to get the fountain finished by August. In spite of the water shortage in Kent last year, the world's largest fund management organisation is determined to have the fountain up and running by the time Johnson touches down on its hallowed turf in Tonbridge.

MORAG PRESTON

British Gas's application relates to the first generation North Sea gas fields, in which development started in the 1960s and the early 1970s

Pressure rises as British Gas puts Government in the dock

Christine Buckley examines the issues behind the £1 billion writ and weighs up the implications

Writs are stacking up in the gas industry. No fewer than 28 were issued yesterday as British Gas dropped the bombshell that it wanted £1 billion — plus interest — back from the Government for tax over-payment.

At issue is the levy exercised on gas by the Government and contract law. But the weightier context of the surprise move by the company is British Gas's obligations to buy a large quantity of gas at prices higher than it can sell it for. And to do that while facing a harsh regulatory price review.

The Department of Trade and Industry thinks British Gas has got its tax law muddled. But should the company be proved right, the DTI has issued 27 parallel writs to the one it received from British Gas. These would be served against gas producers and would protect the Government, and hence taxpayers, from the blow of repaying British Gas.

The argument revolves around the tax paid on gas — the Gas Levy — which currently delivers to the Chancellor of the Exchequer 4p a therm when gas arrives from offshore fields at the beach. That tax delivered £150 million in the past financial year and has brought in £3.2 billion over the past ten years. The levy is charged on the field producing the gas.

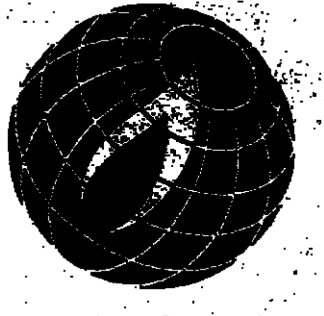
That someone has to pay the levy is not in doubt. But what is now in doubt is whether in some of the contracts involving British Gas it should be the gas producers rather than the company. Already gas producers pay the levy under some arrangements where the gas is bought other than under specified contracts.

British Gas's tax demand relates to about a third of its North Sea contracts — some of its oldest arrangements with fields that began their development in the 1960s — and its legal arguments hinge on those contracts having gone through sufficient changes to invalidate the gas levy.

The 24 contracts relating to eight fields all pre-date 1975 which is when the Petroleum Revenue Tax was enforced by a government keen to tap benefits from the rapidly expanding oil fields as the value of oil climbed. The Gas Levy was subsequently introduced in 1981 to tax gas which had been exempted from the Petroleum Revenue Tax — that is those fields already producing gas before 1975.

It was condemned by some as a windfall tax to capture parts of the industry which had escaped the Petroleum Revenue Tax. Any aggrievement that British Gas felt at the time is likely to be exacerbated by the fact that gas prices have plunged and it is locked into buying the fuel at prices way above the market rate. It is effectively now paying a windfall tax on contracts from which it is bleeding a great deal of money.

British Gas and the DTI will now thrash out the legal arguments. If British Gas serves the writ on the Government, the DTI will bounce its parallel actions on the gas producers. So far the producers, which include Shell, BP, Amerada Hess, Lasmo and Enterprise, are reluctant to comment on the DTI's possible action. Their lawyers are busy sifting through the raft of tax implications, but the producers are



unlikely to accept their fate and proportion of the burden of £1 billion plus interest without mounting a legal battle of their own.

Many of the companies facing protective action from the DTI are currently in talks with British Gas over renegotiating the take-or-pay contracts. Under these contracts, British Gas faces a shortfall of about £4 billion. Although the tax and renegotiation issues are separate, British Gas's action is likely to turn up the pressure in the talks. It could be that the tax move is a strong-arm attempt to focus the minds of the gas producers, but its effectiveness will lie in its legal legitimacy and the veracity of British Gas's case on contract law and taxation.

The oldest contracts are those which have undergone the most substantial change. Arrangements drawn up between British Gas and gas producers on first generation fields have evolved in relation to the changing structure of energy taxation and in relation to the varying developments of the fields themselves. The contracts in principle cover the development of the field for the duration of its life. But the development of the field is something that cannot be anticipated with absolute accuracy at the onset of the contract. It is the degree to which the evolution of the fields affect tax legislation on which British Gas is arguing its legal case.

British Gas is reluctant to expand on its legal application, but it is likely to involve the amount of tax it has paid on fields that have developed beyond the company's wishes or needs and from which excess gas has been sold to other gas buyers. Under arrangements such as these, the producer would be required to pay part of the levy relating to the field which it would then seek to recover from its additional customer or customers. The highly technical nature of taxation application according to material changes in contracts is the subject of regular negotiations by corporate lawyers. What makes yesterday's action by British Gas stand out is the huge sum involved in the one-off unprecendented writ against the DTI.

British Gas has paid more than £5.6 billion under the Gas Levy since its introduction. Under legal constraints, exerted by the Limitation Act, British Gas is acting to recover tax paid over the past ten years. Its legal advice has indicated that in order to initiate legal action it must move within six years of the Royal Assent of the Finance Act. The sixth anniversary is today.

If British Gas wins its tax battle, it will undoubtedly be a splash of good news in an otherwise troubled period for the company. Whether it will be of sufficient magnitude to hang out any flags is another matter. Payment of the £1 billion and the interest would be likely to be staged and the company would also be likely to face calls to pass some of its benefit to customers.

Meanwhile, the sword of Ofgas still hangs over British Gas with its pricing formula for TransCo, the pipelines division. The controversial moves announced by the regulator in May created a storm of protest from the company and from British Gas shareholders. After initial plans for a formula threatened to cut revenues by £850 million a year, British Gas argued that it would have to cut half the workforce of TransCo to meet targets. Since then Ofgas has twice stalled final proposals in what is being interpreted by some parties as a prelude to softening the formula.

The company's £1 billion tax demand, effectively a charge against the Government for overpaying, will add to the political and regulatory pressure over the price review.

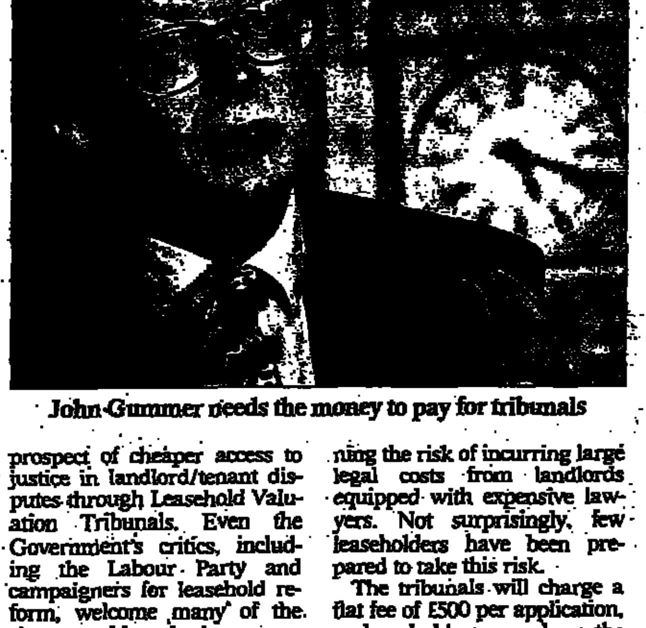
Leaseholders gain fresh rights but who will fund the Bill?

John Gummer and his environment ministers may hope they have silenced, at least temporarily, the clamour for leasehold reform. Pages of closely typed amendments and clauses intended to improve protection for leaseholders passed into law this week as the Housing Bill became an Act.

But the Act is almost certainly just the start of a bitter spending battle between the Department of the Environment, in implementing the reforms, and the Treasury, which will fight tooth and nail not to spend an extra penny of public money.

Leasehold reform has been high on the political agenda this year as the Government struggled to satisfy demands for reform, after widespread evidence of abuse by rogue landlords. Flatowners found themselves on the end of unreasonably large bills for management and repairs. Demands for explanations were met with silence or intimidation. Refusals to pay were met with threats of forfeiture of the lease and thus loss of the home. Freeholds changed hands at auction overnight without leaseholders' knowledge, in spite of rules which gave leaseholders first right of refusal. It was obvious that existing rules were being flouted with impunity.

The Act gives leaseholders new rights to challenge service charges without the prospect of forfeiture and to replace incompetent landlords with independent managers. It also provides for strengthened rights for leaseholders to buy the freehold of their property and the



John Gummer needs the money to pay for tribunals

prospect of cheaper access to justice in landlord/tenant disputes through Leasehold Valuation Tribunals. Even the Government's critics, including the Labour Party and campaigners for leasehold reform, welcome many of the changes although they argue that they do not go far enough.

The centrepiece of the latest reforms is the establishment of Leasehold Valuation Tribunals to handle service charge disputes and the appointment of managers to take over if necessary from incompetent landlords. This, ministers argue, would solve one of the most glaring defects of the existing system. At present, disputes between tenants and landlords can only be resolved in the county court, with tenants running the risk of incurring large legal costs from landlords equipped with expensive lawyers. Not surprisingly, few leaseholders have been prepared to take this risk.

The tribunals will charge a flat fee of £500 per application, so leaseholders can share the cost if they apply jointly. Tribunals will not award costs to either side (but there is nothing to stop landlords reclaiming their costs through service charges if leases allow this).

The Government expects a large increase in the number of challenges to landlords when the cheaper system starts. If there is to be a large increase in demand for LVT hearings, many more tribunals will be needed. In London, for example, the LVT network is so clogged that people are waiting six months for a hearing and four months for a result, according to the Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service.

So where is the money coming from to fund the increased network? The answer is from existing, stretched Environment Department budgets, unless the department can prise more money out of the Treasury in the next public expenditure round.

Because of the Treasury's reluctance to spend money, the Government tried to pass the full cost on to the leaseholders. But such was the outcry that it was forced to compromise. The £500 fee still does not satisfy critics who argue that the cost should be no more than that for the county court, a maximum of about £120. The Campaign Against Residential Leasehold Abuse (Carla) described the £500 charge as outrageous.

The figure was accepted by both Houses of Parliament just hours before the Housing Act found its way on to the statute books. But now the gap between payment and cost of LVTs has to be bridged somehow by the public purse, as does the cost of funding extra tribunals. A consultation paper is being drawn up.

Many are in no doubt that extra money will have to be found to make the proposed system work. Or the clamour for further reform will start up again louder than ever.

SARA McCONNELL

Yearning for just a small touch of inflation

Alasdair Murray detects a mood of nostalgia in some companies

Inflation is bad for business, or so the economic orthodoxy of the past two decades has maintained. Businesses need a low inflation environment so that they can plan without throwing medium-term investment and pricing strategies into financial turmoil.

The UK is enjoying one of the longest periods of low inflation in recent memory, with the headline retail price index index falling last month to just 2.1 per cent.

Surprisingly, however, not every company is entirely happy with this apparent breakthrough. It may be only a quiet murmur at present, tucked away in the fine print of a trading statement or made as an aside at an interivew, but if you listen carefully you can definitely hear the distinct sound of nostalgia for the high inflation days of the last decade. This nostalgia is most prominent among retailers who have struggled in recent years to persuade disillusioned consumers to spend. The pressures of competition have forced retailers into tough price-cutting battles and even now, when consumer confidence is starting to return, companies are finding it tough to restore battered margins. Quite simply, companies have found that it difficult to pass on price rises in a low inflation environment. When consumers are not enjoying hefty annual wage rises they are reluctant to spend any more than they have to on items such as food and drink.

Price wars flared

The food retailing sector has suffered particularly heavily because of the inability to pass on costs to the consumer. Companies are unable to grow their way out of trouble. They have to concentrate on winning new customers from rivals. This has resulted in fierce price cutting, causing margins to fall about 13 per cent in the past three yers. The biggest loser has been Sainsbury, where profits collapsed by £100 million last year.

The sector has repeatedly tried to break the vicious cycle of price wars by emphasising the benefits to consumers of improved service and loyalty cards, but until now consumer resistance to increased prices has remained solid. The drinks sector faces a similar conundrum. In the Eighties, the sector boomed as aspirational-led marketing campaigns were used to persuade consumers to drink ever more expensive spirits. But after the collapse in consumer confidence, the industry has found it almost impossible to force through any price rises.

The drinks sector has underperformed the FT-SE 100 for the past three years and even former blue-chip stocks have been forced to think the unthinkable in attempts to break the cycle — in the case of Guinness pondering but rejecting a £13 billion takeover of Grand Metropolitan. But Allied Domecq has probably been hurt most in recent years, suffering a 21 per cent fall in full-year profits after it managed to force through only a below inflation 1 per cent rise on its spirits. Housebuilders have also struggled as the lack of house price inflation has discouraged buyers. The builders have found it impossible to increase prices in line with rising costs and heavy discounting has again hurt margins. Inflation also underpins balance-sheet values, making the company's financially buoyant even in years that sales are limited. The result has been a huge consolidation within the industry, with some major companies pulling out of altogether.

Property developers have also been hit because the current low rents make new developments unattractive. Lack of inflation of net asset values has made the companies a less attractive investment for institutions seeking a hedge fund.

A small dose of inflation would almost certainly do wonders for the spirits of long-suffering directors at companies hit by low inflation. Many consumers would also appreciate a return to less fiscally strict times.

But for the older section of the population, asset and savings heavy, inflation is a nightmare, wiping out years of work in an instant. With the international markets and an increasingly large section of the voting population dead set against a return of inflation, the inflation-loving sector of British industry realises it will have to find a new trick to restore decimated balance sheets.

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Grofund Equity	367.10	394.10	+ 1.10	1.90
Grofund Euro	280.00	275.10	- 0.20	0.57
Grofund Eqyt Bal	131.90	136.70		2.57
Grofund Gilt	77.50	80.06	+ 0.05	6.74
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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Acc	634.60	675.30	+ 3.00	2.59
General Inc	539.10	573.60	+ 2.60	2.59
UK Growth Acc	431.80	459.40	+ 2.20	2.78
UK Growth Inc	283.50	301.60	+ 1.40	2.78
Higher Inc Acc	762.40	811.10	+ 3.30	4.32
Higher Inc Inc	415.90	442.50	+ 1.90	4.32
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	208.60	220.30	- 0.40	5.61
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.62	98.89	- 0.17	5.61
Nth America	340.70	362.50	- 3.90	
Europe	348.00	370.30	+ 0.70	0.40
Brit Excell	85.86	91.13	+ 0.43	2.98
Brit Fndmntc Acc	110.50	117.60	+ 0.30	4.97
Brit Fndmntls Inc	75.72	80.56	+ 0.16	4.97
Global Opps	100.20	106.60	- 0.10	0.15
Balanced Acc	61.15	65.06	+ 0.11	2.76
Balanced Inc	57.85	61.55	+ 0.10	2.76
Japan Acc	46.27	49.23	+ 0.02	
Pac Basin Acc	394.30	419.50	- 1.50	0.93
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.30	137.10†		7.12
High Inc Equity	176.10	188.30†	+ 0.40	4.58
Worldwide Bond	285.90	304.20	- 0.70	4.84
American Growth	347.60	371.80	- 3.00	0.20
Asian Pacific	328.10	350.90	- 2.00	0.19
Assets & Earnings	290.40	310.60	+ 0.20	2.86
Euro Capital Acc	176.70	189.00	- 0.50	0.84
Extra Inc	43.24	46.00†	- 0.08	7.79
General	266.60	283.60	+ 0.70	3.09
Global Opps	66.84	71.11	- 0.37	0.56
Japan	122.20	130.70	+ 0.20	
Managed Inc	47.24	50.25†	+ 0.09	4.63
Mastertrust	163.80	175.20	- 0.40	0.83
US Emerging Cos	198.00	208.50	- 3.90	
Ethical	78.46	83.47†	- 0.04	2.68
International	135.50	144.10	- 0.50	0.37
Dividend & Growth	65.60	69.79†	+ 0.32	4.40
Global Gwth & Sec	73.01	77.97	+ 0.01	2.42
Latin America	63.35	67.39	- 1.28	
Capital Reserve	144.60	144.60		5.19
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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UK Small Cos	2282.00	2368.00	+ 4.00	
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Amer Inc & Growth	56.20	58.37	+ 0.30	0.53
Emerging Mkts	72.19	76.19	- 0.51	0.04
European	146.30	152.00	- 0.90	
Exempt	1067.00	1131.00†	- 4.00	1.65
Extra Income #	44.69	48.06†	- 0.15	6.89
Far East Emg Ecn	129.70	137.20†	+ 0.10	0.46
Fixed Interest #	24.92	25.92	- 0.01	9.30
Fund Inv Tst	147.00	154.30†	- 0.20	9.34
Japan	186.38	193.60	+ 0.30	
Latin American	58.01	60.47	- 0.88	0.81
Pacific	84.13	88.34	+ 0.26	0.30
Property Share	67.01	70.34†	+ 0.12	2.49
UK Emerging Cos	71.30	77.08†	- 0.32	1.25
UK Growth	50.71	53.62	+ 0.08	2.19
Aber World Port #	78.72	80.33†	+ 0.15	1.35
Ethical	74.39	77.37†	- 0.25	2.28
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Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	270.60	289.20	+ 2.00	3.21
Capital	478.00	510.90	+ 2.80	1.23
Balanced	780.50	834.30	+ 4.90	2.50
Accumulator	1501.00	1604.00†	+ 8.00	1.94
Income Trusts				
American Income	58.36	62.300	- 0.02	2.56
High Income	438.40	466.60	+ 2.80	4.04
Equity Income	243.90	260.70†	+ 1.60	4.06
High Yield	264.60	282.80	+ 1.60	4.25
Govt Securities	33.84	35.720	- 0.07	6.11
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	193.30	206.40	+ 1.10	0.06
European Growth	51.99	55.480	+ 0.41	0.07
International	183.50	196.10†	+ 0.10	0.11
Japan	209.00	223.40†	- 1.00	
Pacific	412.70	441.10†	- 2.60	
Secs of America	529.50	564.40	+ 2.80	0.14
Wwide Asset Val	55.21	59.010	+ 0.12	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	603.00	644.60	+ 3.60	2.12
Conv & Gilt	47.42	50.680	+ 0.01	4.28
Smaller Cos	208.60	222.90†	+ 0.10	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	198.90	212.60		0.87
Recovery	162.00	173.10†	+ 0.60	1.63
Met Min & Cdty	159.30	170.10	- 1.00	0.18
Oseas Earnings	404.90	432.80†	+ 2.80	1.12
Technology	206.00	220.20	+ 0.80	
UK Special Sits	558.10	596.60	+ 3.20	1.05
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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Cnstrctd Ind Pens	113.10	117.50		3.04
Foundtn Pers'l Pens	68.48	71.14		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Capital	78.11	83.10†	+ 0.54	1.05
International	65.86	70.06†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
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America	314.20	336.40	- 5.00	
Bond	115.90	121.90†	+ 0.20	6.85
Brit Smlr Cos	116.70	124.10	+ 0.10	1.87
Conv & Gen #	69.58	74.02	- 0.13	5.31
Europe	273.20	289.90	+ 1.90	0.60
Euro Smlr Cos	121.60	129.40	- 0.40	0.61
Income Gwth	362.40	385.50†	+ 0.80	4.48
Japan	324.70	345.30	- 0.10	
Latin American	83.04	88.34†	- 0.99	0.88
Pacific	112.40	120.60	- 0.40	1.22
UK Smlr Cos	59.40	63.19	- 0.09	1.25
Japan Fd	686.10	705.90	- 1.50	
Mngd Fd	195.00	207.10	+ 0.30	2.90
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	348.00	368.10	- 6.30	0.96
Capital Gwth	122.10	129.10	+ 0.20	2.57
Wwide Opps	210.10	222.30	- 3.60	0.93
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	403.70	420.50	+ 0.70	2.66
European Bd Inc	95.16	98.52†	- 0.02	6.66
Exempt	78.14	83.35	+ 0.14	3.10
Financial	94.01	100.50	+ 0.50	2.84
500	500.90	547.30	- 1.00	2.44
General	310.60	332.70	+ 1.00	2.70
Property	240.60	258.10		5.56
Trustee	212.50	227.40†	+ 0.50	2.54
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†		4.97
Distribution Inc #	109.50	110.10†	+ 0.30	6.32
Extra Income #	130.80	139.80	+ 0.10	5
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.91	59.95	+ 0.14	7.97
Income #	558.10	596.90†	+ 2.00	4.95
Income Builder #	67.02	71.49	+ 0.06	5.63
Intl Income	67.55	71.86†	- 0.08	2.78
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	134.90	143.90	+ 0.10	2.13
Leisure	169.80	181.60	- 0.20	0.74
Recovery	471.70	504.50	+ 0.60	2.80
Smllr Cos Inc	57.07	61.20†	- 0.13	2.17
Special Sits	368.50	394.10	- 1.00	0.76
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	159.70	169.80	- 0.70	0.14
Aust Acc	267.20	286.00	- 1.00	1.90
Aust Inc	159.83	170.50†	- 0.50	1.90
Euro Gwth Inc	184.00	195.50	- 0.60	0.50
-do- Accum	199.70	211.20	- 0.60	0.50
Japan & Gen Inc	153.30	162.30	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	155.00	161.10	+ 0.20	
Japan Spec Sits	71.72	75.97	- 0.06	
Worldwide	190.10	201.80†	- 0.70	0.48
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
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American Growth	119.50	125.10	+ 0.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	149.20	160.20	- 2.10	
Convertibles	58.60	62.84†	- 0.11	3.90
Eastern	292.10	314.10	- 2.60	0.30
Equity Income	32.20	59.12†	+ 0.41	4.80
European Growth	350.60	373.70	+ 1.70	0.80
Europe	340.00	363.60	- 1.40	1.60
German Growth	85.59	92.10	+ 0.11	0.50
Global Bond	69.44	73.05†	- 0.08	6.50
Global Growth	140.60	149.60	+ 0.40	0.40
Japan Growth	199.60	212.00	+ 0.80	
Japan Sunrise	170.80	181.50	- 0.20	
Korea Trust	71.01	76.35	- 0.98	
Portfolio	140.50	150.80	+ 0.10	2.30
-do- Accum	263.50	282.30	+ 0.20	2.30
UK Growth	97.15	104.50†	+ 0.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	95.19	101.60	- 0.10	2.90
Select Managers	85.90	92.21	- 0.09	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	88.10	93.72†		
Special Opps Inc	59.72	63.60		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	133.17	140.92	+ 0.15	1.38
-do- Accum	153.45	162.39	- 0.18	1.38
Smaller Cos	146.10	154.60	- 0.20	0.48
Higher Yield #	53.79	56.92†	+ 0.10	3.83
American Gth Inc	87.99	93.11	- 0.87	
European Growth	158.15	167.36	- 1.01	
-do- Accum	161.33	170.72	- 1.03	
Global Bond Inc #	26.53	27.27		6.32
Mngd Ptflo Inc	50.70	53.69	- 0.14	1.34
-do- Accum	52.31	55.35	- 0.15	1.34
Intl Spec Opps	158.45	167.67	- 0.34	
Pacific Grth	144.76	153.19	- 1.26	
UK General #	88.67	93.80†	+ 0.11	2.77
-do- Accum #	94.57	100.42	+ 0.12	2.77
Japan	59.29	62.74†	- 0.45	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	99.51	102.12	+ 0.23	8.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.91	65.75	- 0.04	6.55
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	182.30	191.90†	- 0.40	1.95
UK Growth	200.50	211.00	- 0.20	2.16
UK Income	141.70	149.10	+ 0.30	4.64
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
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Can Gen Dist	222.60	236.20	+ 2.00	1.68
-do- Income Dist	119.00	126.10	+ 0.30	3.96
-do- Accum	382.00	404.90	- 0.90	3.96
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.06	43.15	- 0.04	6.30
Growth Units	237.70	254.20	+ 0.90	2.14
Bond	175.90	185.10	+ 0.80	7.20
Intl Growth	229.40	244.80	+ 0.50	0.21
North American	237.50	253.20†	- 0.30	0.25
Far East	298.50	319.30†	- 1.40	0.73
UK Smaller Cos	220.80	236.10	0.20	0.94
European	94.53	100.30†	+ 0.30	0.71
Japanese Growth	47.87	50.80	+ 0.15	
High Income	207.60	222.00		4.44
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European Inc	91.63	97.19	- 0.19	0.54
Smaller Cos (4-1)	105.70	112.50		1.46
Growth	512.00	544.70	- 1.00	1.74
Income & Growth #	429.50	457.00†	+ 2.70	4.15
-do- Accum #	640.70	690.70	- 3.20	4.15
Japan & Gen	69.59	73.72	+ 0.20	
Master Portfolio	£112.90	£116.63†	- 29.00	2.07
-do- Accum	£135.34	£143.44	+ 36.00	2.07
Special Sits	118.30	125.90†	+ 0.30	1.79
High Yield	£14.06	£14.50	+ 6.00	4.61

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Cazenove Portfolio	97.57	104.09†	.	2.43
American Portfolio	114.03	121.24	.	0.92
European Portfolio	127.81	138.48	.	0.63
High Income	51.50	51.62		7.38
Japanese Portfolio	69.44	73.79†	+ 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	151.98	163.42	- 0.81	1.42
UK Equity	93.54	99.93		3.16
UK Equity & Bd	55.58	58.90	.	6.45
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	733.96	745.06	+ 0.81	4.42
Fxd In Sec	154.20	154.82	+ 0.27	9.24
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc*	717.44	728.28	- 0.19	4.57
Investment Acc	132.69	133.19	- 0.90	
Fixed Int Inc	124.96	125.46	+ 0.49	9.25
Fixed Int Acc	222.58	223.48	+ 0.88	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88.60	93.64	.	3.06
Beck Bio-Tech	38.33	41.74†	- 2.92	
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.51	193.75†	.	0.45
City Fin Assets	77.23	81.10		1.61
City Fin America	104.73	109.98		
City Fin Intl	87.85	92.94		0.47
City Fin Japan	150.89	158.45		
Friars Hse Cap	302.83	322.16†	..	2.32
Friars Hse Inc	194.80	207.23		3.64
Buckley Wrld Gth	141.21	149.68		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	53.47	56.15†		3.42
Shan Utilities	56.85	56.92	- 0.26	6.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.84	60.31	- 0.56	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	73.67	78.37	- 0.41	
Dragon Growth	70.52	75.42	- 0.20	0.41
Equity High Inc	85.72	91.90	+ 0.39	4.43
-do- Accum	121.96	130.76	+ 0.56	4.43
Extra Income Inc	26.09	27.46†	+ 0.09	7.62
Extra Income Acc	28.29	29.78	+ 0.11	7.62
European Gwth	60.86	64.57	+ 0.25	0.97
Evergreen	31.58	33.77	- 0.17	
General Equity	97.97	103.95	+ 0.61	3.18
Japan Growth	51.92	55.23	+ 0.25	.
Pedigree Gwth	61.30	65.21	+ 0.31	2.45
Pen Sm Cos Inc	37.53	39.93	+ 0.06	1.49
-do- Accum	39.76	42.30	+ 0.06	1.49
Retirement Inc #	28.65	28.35	+ 0.14	8.14
Special Sits	45.93	48.86	+ 0.02	2.36
UK & Overseas	56.71	60.17	+ 0.01	0.80
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	66.76	69.54	+ 0.32	4.13
Capital	79.07	82.36	+ 0.47	2.38
High Income	50.93	53.05†	+ 0.11	7.14
Top 50	52.85	55.05	+ 0.35	2.22
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	185.16	192.88	+ 0.59	4.76
Long Gilt	41.96	43.58†	- 0.09	6.44
Monthly Inc Plus	48.74	50.77	+ 0.02	8.83
Preference Share	47.29	49.26†	+ 0.02	8.09
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.04	141.71†	+ 0.42	6.02
Managed Fund	75.17	78.30	+ 0.13	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.01	52.09	- 0.04	1.82
-do- Accum	59.11	61.57	- 0.04	1.82
UK & General	91.89	95.51	+ 0.26	2.70
-do- Accum	118.93	123.89	+ 0.35	2.70
UK Growth	181.85	189.43	+ 0.21	1.48
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	208.50	217.19	+ 0.73	0.67
Far Eastern Grth	135.05	140.68	+ 0.72	0.02
Global Bond	82.06	85.48	- 0.08	5.80
Japan Growth	114.83	119.61	+ 0.65	.
North Amer Grth	220.11	229.28	- 0.19	
Oriental Growth	81.73	85.14	- 0.33	0.27
Worldwide Growth	72.70	75.73	+ 0.12	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.68	92.68	+ 0.01	5.18
Homemaker Fund	88.60	94.35	+ 0.05	1.60
Dunlop Fund	148.10	157.55	+ 0.49	1.98
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.13	37.59	- 0.13	3.30
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	171.50	182.40	- 0.70	1.71
Income	68.07	72.41†	+ 0.01	5.00
European	72.78	77.43	+ 0.62	0.76
Recovery	177.60	188.90	+ 0.60	1.86
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	939.20	854.20		3.53
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	107.00	113.80	- 0.20	1.14
Income #	275.80	293.30	+ 0.70	4.31
-do- Accum #	721.70	767.70	+ 1.70	4.31
Smaller Cos	226.80	241.20†	- 0.80	0.89
-do- Accum	281.60	299.50†	- 1.00	0.89
Gth Portfolio	98.14	104.40	.	1.63
High Inc Port #	79.72	84.80	+ 0.17	4.48
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1671.70	1737.90	- 25.60	.
Japan Small Cos	1263.10	1308.20	- 52.80	
UK Small Cos	2141.80	2290.40	+ 2.90	2.77
US Small Cos	2001.80	2046.60	- 68.90	1.01
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	227.20	239.30	.	3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	159.80	170.00†	+ 0.60	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	167.70	178.30	+ 0.50	4
-do- Accum	226.50	240.90	+ 0.80	4
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.09	61.64†	+ 0.07	6
Envnmntl Opps	96.17	102.30	+ 0.30	0.98
UK Smlr Cos #	66.29	70.52	- 0.22	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.79	51.90	+ 0.15	8.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	165.80	175.30	- 0.50	0.46
Convertibles #	21.82	23.18†	+ 0.01	6.04
Equity Income #	136.90	145.50†	+ 0.50	4.12
Eurofund	61.79	65.43	- 0.54	0.61
Financial	52.73	56.03	+ 0.01	1.61
Growth & Inc #	277.80	295.20	+ 0.60	2.96
High Dist #	171.10	181.80	+ 0.20	4.35
International	430.80	457.70†	- 1.00	0.11
Int Cap Inc	101.50	108.40†	- 0.20	2.49
Latin American	31.73	33.71	- 0.55	
Pacific	82.63	87.79	- 0.64	
Pref High Inc	21.56	22.91†	- 0.02	7.86
Tokyo	228.40	242.20	+ 0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	253.20	269.00	+ 0.40	1.12
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	324.80	343.60	+ 2.10	1.05
New Asia	233.50	249.10	- 0.60	0.23
Japan Growth	112.50	119.80	- 0.20	
Jap Smllr Co	477.80	508.70	- 2.20	
Nth Amer	387.00	409.80†	- 1.70	0.71
UK Inc & Gth	237.50	254.30	+ 0.60	2.91
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	113.70	121.60	- 1.79	1.27
Growth Acc	251.10	267.99	- 5.18	0.39
Income	584.36	624.98†	- 0.77	6.23
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	220.30	234.40	- 2.20	1.01
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	89.56	94.76	+ 1.21	2.04
Ethical Tst	45.55	47.95	+ 0.29	0.92
Far Eastern	304.96	321.07†	- 2.24	1.58
High Income	133.18	140.19	+ 0.91	5.13
UK Index Trcking	48.20	50.74	+ 0.35	2.35
Intl Growth	143.04	150.57	+ 0.09	0.31
North American	139.23	146.56	- 0.70	1.72
Pelican	133.95	140.38	+ 0.78	3.33
Smaller Cos	70.79	74.52	- 0.06	2.91
Special Sits	91.29	96.09	- 0.14	2.57
Tst of Inv Tsts	208.05	219.00	+ 0.58	2.30
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	232.96	247.83	0.43	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	415.15	441.65	- 0.75	1.50
Recovery	58.71	62.46	- 0.02	1.70
Recovery Acc	60.66	64.53	0.03	1.70
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	82.89	88.89	- 0.40	
Fd of Inv Tsts	49.97	53.30†	- 0.07	0.54
High Income #	36.94	39.59†	- 0.04	11.62
Warrant	45.00	50.00	- 0.15	
Zero Preference	42.57	45.17†	0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 229 707				
Family Asset Tst	87.58	93.17†	+ 0.31	2.08
United Charities	302.10	321.30	- 0.60	2.2
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree. Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.67	27.76†	+ 0.02	7.20
Intl Bond	28.50	29.97†		5.19
Income Funds				
High Income	25.69	26.97†	+ 0.05	5.71
Income Plus	124.10	132.00	- 0.50	4.16
Amer Eq Inc	58.51	62.04	- 0.40	0.51
European Income	48.76	51.87	- 0.10	2.62
Far East Inc	65.55	69.92	+ 0.17	0.81
Global Convertible	24.98	26.55	- 0.07	2.03
UK Div Gwth	29.67	31.55	+ 0.10	2.37
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.54	68.65	- 0.74	.
American	291.60	309.60	- 0.60	0.14
Amer Spec Sits	168.90	180.10	- 0.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.07	39.54	- 0.06	
European	222.30	236.40	- 0.20	0.57
European Opps	78.29	83.15	+ 0.74	0.03
Global Prv	29.67	31.55	0.00	0.25
UK Growth	115.80	121.30	- 0.10	1.16
Growth & Inc	166.40	177.20†	- 0.70	2.62
Intl PEP	44.99	47.84†	- 0.15	1.14
Japan Spec Sits	93.38	99.29	- 0.21	
Japan	182.70	194.00†	- 0.80	
Managed Intl	331.00	351.40	- 1.30	0.53
Moneybuilder	64.64	68.73†	- 0.01	
Recovery	60.25	64.11	- 0.06	1.08
South E Asia	174.90	186.60	- 0.70	1.04
Special Sits	701.70	746.10	- 1.10	0.62
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.12	115.12	+ 0.01	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	146.20	148.90		1.79
Inc Ptflo #	90.57	92.23	+ 0.37	2.92
Cap Ptflo	157.60	150.30	+ 0.40	1.01
General Opps	136.40	138.00		3.67
Growth Inc	35.98	36.62	- 0.04	1.00
Private Portfolio	466.10	475.90		1.13
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	149.60	158.30	- 0.10	0.32
Emrg Asian	146.50	158.70	- 2.60	
High Income	21.09	22.43†	- 0.10	10.03
UK Income	107.40	114.70	- 0.70	4.36
US Smaller Cos	395.30	421.29	- 4.30	
For Fowler & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	72.14	76.89	- 0.32	...
-do- Accum	72.14	76.89	- 0.32	..
Amer Smllr Cos	615.80	656.80	- 11.80	..
-do- Accum	629.10	672.80	- 12.00	..
Capital Tst	377.60	401.70	- 1.20	1.50
-do- Accum	551.60	586.80	- 1.70	1.50
Contl Smllr Cos	62.11	66.23†	+ 0.06	0.42
-do- Accum	66.08	70.46†	+ 0.06	0.42
Convertible	137.70	146.50†		5.86
-do- Accum	298.90	317.30†	- 0.16	5.86
Emerging Markets	69.19	73.92	- 0.70	0.30
-do- Accum	69.42	74.17	- 0.71	0.30
European	146.70	155.60	+ 0.60	0.90
-do- Accum	155.40	164.90	+ 0.60	0.90
Extra Income	362.30	385.40†	+ 0.20	4.10
-do- Accum	576.60	613.40†	+ 0.10	4.10
Financial	159.60	169.80	- 0.20	0.46
-do- Accum	169.60	180.40	- 0.20	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.13	66.13	- 0.06	6.79
-do- Accum	97.13	100.10	- 0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	241.60	258.10	- 4.30	
-do- Accum	241.60	258.10	- 4.30	
Income & Growth	218.00	231.90	+ 0.50	3.61
-do- Accum	345.40	367.40	+ 0.80	3.61
Intl Growth	424.80	452.40	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	471.40	502.40	+ 0.90	..
Japan & Gen	177.50	188.50	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	179.30	190.40	+ 0.70	..
Monthly Inc #	186.60	198.70†	+ 0.10	4.38
Managed Port Inc	117.50	123.70	.	1.45
-do- Accum	127.70	134.40	- 0.10	1.45
Quarterly Income #	55.20	59.27	+ 0.01	4.91
-do- Accum #	62.39	67.00	+ 0.03	4.91
Recovery	357.70	382.60†	- 1.00	0.23
-do- Accum	422.20	451.60†	- 1.20	0.23
UK Growth	62.42	66.40	+ 0.22	2.76
-do- Accum	67.67	71.99	+ 0.23	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	57.17	60.81	- 0.21	0.40
FP Am Smllr Cos	187.80	200.80	- 2.00	
FP Asian Growth	274.40	293.40	- 2.20	..
FP Australian	385.30	413.40	- 1.20	
FP Equity Dist	429.60	457.00	+ 0.70	2.57
-do- Accum	947.60	1010.08	+ 2.00	2.57
FP Euro Gth	272.80	290.00	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	298.20	317.20	- 0.70	
FP Intl Bond	60.11	63.80	- 0.14	4.45
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.14	39.63	- 0.09	0.15
-do- Accum	54.22	57.86	- 0.13	0.15
FP Pac Basin Acc	218.10	233.10	- 0.70	
FP Income #	56.14	59.88†	+ 0.16	5.20
-do- Accum #	196.10	209.10	+ 0.50	5.20
FP Jap Smllr Cos	319.40	340.60	- 0.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	73.66	78.61	+ 0.11	5.78
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20		5.05
FP Tokyo	83.65	89.22	+ 0.19	
FP UK Focus	40.39	43.31	+ 0.13	2.39
FP UK Growth	186.50	198.90	+ 0.50	2.44
-do- Accum	375.90	400.90†	+ 1.10	2.44
Stewardship Dist	408.20	434.20	- 1.60	1.53
-do- Accum	511.80	544.40	- 2.00	1.53
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.81	84.90	- 0.48	4.87
-do- Accum #	108.10	115.00	- 0.60	4.87
R Am Stshp Dist	115.20	122.50	- 0.90	0.49
-do- Accum	123.80	131.60†	- 1.00	0.49
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	122.90	130.70	- 1.40	1.69
Open Cap Gth Acc	126.90	134.90	- 0.50	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Acc	116.00	123.30	- 1.20	3.01
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	121.30	129.00	- 1.20	3.01
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	117.80	125.30	- 1.20	3.54
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	123.90	131.80	- 1.30	3.54
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 561 106/7				
GANDA	273.60	289.30	+ 0.90	2.13
Cash	49.71	50.46	+ 0.01	5.27
Growth Portfolio	85.72	90.86	- 0.31	0.90
Income Portfolio	67.66	71.55	+ 0.18	4.30
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	215.10	230.10†	- 3.40	1.15
Dividend	91.29	97.64†	- 0.05	5.08
Int Gth & Inc	235.10	251.40†	- 0.50	3.78
UK & Gen	48.30	51.66	+ 0.23	2.81
Fund of Funds	74.18	79.34	- 0.86	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	225.40	241.10	- 6.90	0.14
European Gth	701.70	750.50	- 7.60	0.64
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.96	57.31	- 0.22	4.96
-do- Accum	59.88	64.05	+ 0.21	4.96
Far East & Gen	262.30	280.60	- 0.20	.
German Growth	143.50	152.00	- 1.10	
High Yield #	49.07	51.85	+ 0.14	8.08
-do- Accum #	53.13	56.14	+ 0.14	8.08
Income Inc	189.50	202.70	+ 0.10	4.21
-do- Accum	213.00	227.80	+ 0.20	4.21
International	381.20	407.10	- 1.40	0.30
Intl Income	91.47	96.85	- 0.37	3.06
Japan Growth	448.40	475.90	+ 0.10	
Korean Securities	58.23	62.28	- 1.15	
Orient Acc	181.60	194.30	- 0.90	0.18
UK General Inc	181.60	205.20	- 0.40	0.92
UK General Acc	339.40	363.00	- 0.90	0.92
UK Smllr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	57.26	61.24	- 0.39	1.90
UK Spec Sits	100.60	107.60	- 0.70	1.20
US Growth	176.00	187.00	- 0.30	
Wwide Spec Sits	156.80	167.00†	+ 0.10	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	57.29	61.25	+ 0.48	2.06
Cash Trust	145.21	145.21	+ 0.02	5.26
Practical Inv Inc #	119.62	127.94	+ 0.13	3.76
-do- Accum #	282.10	301.71	+ 0.29	3.76
UK Index	170.83	171.69	+ 0.67	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	186.01	198.94	+ 0.02	0.58
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.16	25.04†	+ 0.02	7.87
High Income	33.46	35.73	+ 0.06	5.18
UK Equity Income	150.10	160.74	+ 0.58	3.35
Global Bond	29.82	30.91†	- 0.02	5.11
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.47	49.70	- 0.69	
Global Managed	147.59	156.88	+ 0.08	1.59
Gold & Intl Res	111.82	119.59†	- 1.22	
Global Utilities	140.51	149.84†	- 0.22	1.45
Overseas Funds				
American	187.40	199.11†	- 0.70	0.95
European	129.49	137.41	+ 0.56	1.00
Euro Sel Opps	198.21	210.56	+ 0.21	.
Amer Emerging	160.48	171.64	- 1.63	
Hong Kong	155.19	165.95	+ 0.28	1.61
Japan	245.15	260.54	+ 1.16	
Pacific Growth	223.29	238.81†	- 0.68	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	248.41	248.41†	+ 0.60	2.05
Long Term Bal	268.09	268.09†	+ 0.48	2.86
Med Term Bal	221.92	221.92†	+ 2.34	3.10
UK Equity	287.20	287.20	+ 0.80	2.65
UK Emerging Cos	173.00	173.00†	- 0.13	2.04
American	301.67	301.67	+ 0.86	1.06
Japan	135.22	135.22	+ 0.59	.
European	331.98	331.98	+ 1.64	1.10
Index Linked Gilt	180.99	180.99†	- 0.02	2.71
Fixed Interest	171.81	171.81	- 0.22	6.47
Amer Emerging	363.27	363.27	- 4.34	
Pacific	236.13	236.13†	- 1.29	0.90
Emerging Mkts	126.33	126.33	- 2.06	0.46
Index Strat Japan	149.00	149.00†	+ 0.86	0.14
-do- Pacific Rim	200.00	200.00	- 0.78	1.19
-do- Cont Europe	182.39	182.39†	+ 3.55	1.95
Index Strat USA	175.73	175.73†	+ 0.18	1.85
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	116.99	124.45	+ 0.30	
Med Term Bal	105.67	112.41	+ 0.05	
Long Term Bal	120.50	128.19	+ 0.23	
UK Equity	133.27	141.77	+ 0.40	
UK Emerging Cos	81.04	86.21	- 0.06	..
American	139.65	148.56	+ 0.43	
Japan	64.53	68.71	+ 0.30	
European	137.72	146.50	+ 0.72	. .
Fixed Interest	88.16	93.79	- 0.12	
Index Linked Gilt	80.45	85.58	- 0.07	
Deposit	86.92	92.46	+ 0.08	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	157.69	165.99	- 1.72	0.51
Brckfd Gth Port Inc	71.73	75.70	- 0.81	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.12	63.45†	- 0.52	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	60.93	64.31†	- 0.92	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	579.77	615.71	- 2.94	1.73
-do- Accum	653.61	635.32	- 3.22	1.73
European Inc	174.68	185.74	+ 0.24	1.60
Amalgam Inc	157.04	166.47		
N America Inc	377.71	401.82	- 4.33	
Far East Inc	398.56	412.83		0.10
-do- Accum	402.19	427.56		0.10
UK Dvdd Inc	204.72	217.79	0.77	1.80
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7383				
UK Equity Inc #	97.21	102.95*	- 0.21	4.56
UK Small Cos	66.58	71.31	- 1.45	0.62
British Growth	64.45	68.52*	- 0.32	3.11
American Gwth	249.24	265.48	- 2.88	
Japan Gwth	70.72	75.62	- 0.02	
Greater China	196.45	209.03	- 0.37	0.16
Pacific Strategy	160.67	171.63	- 2.07	
European Gwth	113.45	121.32	- 0.42	
Intl Growth	162.75	174.01	- 0.94	
US Index (5)	16.5701	17.460*	- 0.2323	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	29.29	95.49	- 0.28	2.15
Monthly Income	42.62	45.27	- 0.09	8.81
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 0171 955 5033				
Grd UK Index (2)	13.2675	13.7954	- 0.1062	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	113.20	119.30	+ 3.66	1.57
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 5668				
European	566.70	604.80†	- 0.80	0.34
Gilt & Fixed	129.10	136.30	- 0.29	5.77
Growth Equity	407.90	437.90	- 1.50	1.73
Income Trust	741.20	750.30†	- 0.39	4.57
International	206.10	220.10	- 0.10	
Japan Trust	127.50	135.00†	- 0.40	
Nth American	337.00	360.36	- 1.70	
Pacific	577.70	616.50	- 3.00	
Growthall	617.30	656.50	+ 1.20	1.35
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	107.27	113.41	- 0.09	5.27
Global High Inc	102.62	105.96	- 0.06	6.25
Corporate Bond	100.70	107.31	- 0.24	7.85
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.64	112.22†	+ 0.45	3.60
European Growth	[illegible]	102.49	- 0.65	
Intl PEP Trust	62.12	66.42	+ 0.27	
Equity Inc	128.32	136.50	[illegible]	4.36
-do- Accum	156.57	168.25	1.62	4.36
Recovery	379.60	403.50	- 19.40	1.62
-do- Accum	446.90	477.10	- 22.70	1.62
Sf Mor High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.59	7.52
UK Emerg Cos	312.20	332.02	- 0.99	2.31
UK Smlr Cos	441.77	443.52†	+ 1.90	2.37
Gutz Prv. Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.17	1.76
-do- Accum	115.09	122.37	- 0.16	1.76
Inc Share Tst	94.6	99.65	- 0.12	10.00
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	51.64	55.03†	- 0.03	3.86
Balanced Acc	57.26	60.45	- 0.02	3.86
Growth	31.69	33.63	+ 0.07	2.00
Growth Acc	32.38	34.22	+ 0.07	2.00
Income	32.39	34.27†	- 0.13	4.38
Income Acc	32.16	34.10	- 0.14	4.38
Accumulator Tst	24.06	25.25	+ 0.10	3.14
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	99.62	103.00*	0.10	6.45
Mixed Ptflo	230.80	242.50	- 0.70	2.30
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 464949 Dealing: 0645 464546				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	354.16	379.94	- 2.01	0.95
Bard of British	69.59	73.57	- 0.35	2.48
UK Smaller Cos	150.51	161.70	- 0.76	1.23
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	292.22	310.79	+ 1.32	3.51
-do- Accum #	823.75	876.73	+ 3.74	3.51
High Income	325.66	348.12†	+ 3.32	4.81
Extra Income #	239.74	256.55†	+ 0.53	5.95
Pref & Bond	47.05	49.24†	+ 0.02	9.30
International				
Ethical	119.73	128.05		2.06
International	316.35	335.97	- 1.02	
Global Bond	56.09	59.05†	- 0.03	5.72
Intl Port Tst	96.60	103.03	+ 1.07	0.33
Global Tech	212.64	232.66	+ 0.24	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	237.13	254.45†	- 0.64	0.17
European	593.36	634.53	- 2.88	1.60
European Income #	90.06	96.06	+ 0.32	3.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	185.98	199.33	- 1.27	2.13
European Value	92.86	98.16	- 0.31	1.28
-do- Accum	99.90	106.68	- 0.33	1.28
Japan Trust	232.41	246.99†	+ 1.01	.
Japan Smlr Cos	249.95	282.95	+ 0.28	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	247.85	264.05	+ 0.69	...
North American	294.73	313.14†	- 0.08	
American Smaller	181.66	173.07	- 1.97	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	154.00	162.10	+ 0.30	5.09
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	115.92	121.38	+ 0.38	2.15
Capital	197.34	208.64	+ 0.44	1.32
Dollar	462.91	484.73	- 2.56	
Enterprise Gth	418.89	438.62	+ 0.80	1.41
European	272.95	285.81†	+ 0.69	0.39
Far East	317.57	332.53	- 1.53	
Financial	966.04	1010.11	+ 4.87	2.02
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.69	26.92†	+ 0.09	6.67
High Yield	104.83	109.76	+ 0.54	4.04
Income & Growth	153.96	161.21	+ 0.74	3.37
International	290.12	303.79†	+ 0.01	0.15
Japanese General	219.11	229.43	+ 0.51	...
Japan Tech	93.89	98.31	+ 0.81	
Nat Resources	83.69	87.84	- 0.69	0.16
Portfolio	83.77	87.71	+ 0.04	1.33
Special Sits	197.52	206.82	+ 0.98	0.23
UK Emerging Cos	126.59	132.55	+ 0.13	0.74
US Smaller Cos	146.16	153.04	- 2.30	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	597.60	637.80†	+ 3.90	5.24
Capital	683.30	729.39	+ 3.40	2.47
High Income #	109.70	117.10†	+ 0.40	6.15
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	578.90	613.20	+ 5.80	0.37
European Gwth	141.00	150.10	+ 0.60	0.01
Japan Gwth	282.10	300.70	+ 1.90	.
Japan Smlr Cos	36.82	39.39	- 0.07	
Asian	82.42	86.82	- 0.49	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.40	89.01	- 0.52	. .
Hong Kong Gwth	132.40	141.30	+ 0.50	1.14
Global Bond	22.35	23.80†	+ 0.02	5.33
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	157.70	158.50†	+ 0.70	3.70
Tride Index	125.00	128.40		2.11
THE FOOTSIE FUND	60.93	61.24†	+ 0.34	3.11
Index Funds-International				
American Index	264.50	265.80	+ 0.60	1.12
Eurotrack 100	190.70	191.70	+ 0.90	1.37
Japan Index	79.70	80.10	+ 0.46	0.07
Tiger Index	204.80	205.80	- 1.80	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	47.26	49.13	+ 0.05	0.83
General Funds				
Managed Dist	86.19	89.50†	- 0.06	1.19
Managed	88.55	92.05†	- 0.05	1.19
Rupert Child Fnd	96.78	100.60†	+ 0.62	2.59
UK Growth	67.30	69.96†	+ 0.31	2.17
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	83.45	86.76†	+ 0.21	6.37
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.64	27.49†	+ 0.07	8.04
UK Inc & Gwth	45.39	47.18†	+ 0.09	3.26
UK Income #	355.20	369.29†	+ 1.00	4.38
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	57.79	59.94	- 0.22	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	145.70	151.50†	- 3.10	.
-do- Accum	147.20	153.00†	- 3.20	
Europe Gth	225.80	234.30	- 1.30	
-do- Accum	233.80	242.50	- 1.50	..
Euro Smaller Cos	44.26	46.01	- 0.26	.
French Growth	95.68	99.46	- 0.37	0.33
-do- Accum	103.40	107.50	+ 0.40	0.33
H Kong & China	91.54	95.16	+ 0.24	1.80
Intl Growth	66.24	68.86	+ 0.22	0.06
-do- Accum	67.16	69.81	+ 0.22	0.06
Japan Gth	32.49	33.77†	+ 0.15	.
-do- Accum	32.49	33.77†	+ 0.15	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.89	42.61	- 0.19	
Glob Emg Mkts	96.96	100.80†	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	97.65	101.50†	- 1.20	
SE Asia	335.60	348.80	- 1.60	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.94	55.58†	- 0.06	5.62
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	97.10	102.60	+ 0.40	3.94
Sector Value Gwth	98.11	103.70	+ 0.40	2.28
Hy 5 Europe	97.19	101.90	+ 0.50	2.92
Slater Gwth	149.00	157.30	+ 0.50	0.83
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	184.70	196.40	- 3.40	
Income #	201.86	214.74†	- 0.21	4.50
UK Growth	81.88	87.12†	- 0.08	1.97
Intl Growth	88.19	93.81†	- 0.37	0.45
Ecology	99.01	105.32	- 0.31	1.02
European	195.22	207.67†	- 0.10	
Far Eastern	310.00	329.70	- 0.70	
UK Special Sits	46.45	49.54	+ 0.08	.

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.80	103.20†	+ 0.20	7.36
Gilt Yield	117.60	124.00†	- 0.40	6.63
Global Income	226.60	241.10	- 0.70	3.70
High Yield	145.30	154.60†	+ 0.50	5.80
-do- Accum	473.00	503.20†	+ 1.60	5.80
Smlr Cos Div	59.83	63.65	- 0.09	3.38
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	139.40	148.30	- 2.90	
Asian Growth	331.60	352.80	- 3.60	0.23
-do- Accum	389.60	414.50	- 4.30	0.23
North American	100.00	106.40	- 0.56	0.25
European Special	121.90	129.70†	+ 1.00	1.28
European	176.50	187.80†	+ 1.40	0.48
-do- Accum	233.50	248.40†	+ 1.80	0.48
Global Eqty Inc	116.90	124.00	+ 0.30	1.65
Japan	415.20	441.70	+ 0.30	
Japanese Special	240.10	255.40	- 1.40	
Smaller Cos	139.20	148.10	+ 0.30	1.10
UK Equity Growth	48.19	51.27	- 0.08	2.00
UK Index Inc	319.00	320.60	+ 1.30	3.49
Brickhall Tst	106.30	114.30	- 1.60	2.01
-do- Accum	106.99	114.90	- 1.60	2.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	298.12	306.51	+ 0.09	5.05
Inc & Growth Inc	61.49	65.41†	- 0.17	4.17
Smaller Cos	84.03	89.39	- 0.78	1.20
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq 01452 371 500 Dlg 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	279.48	297.20	+ 0.90	1.81
High Income	109.70	115.60†	+ 0.30	4.50
International	115.50	122.90		0.49
European Trust	84.92	90.34	- 0.05	0.84
Japanese Trust	43.67	46.45		
American Trust	108.40	115.30	- 0.60	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	432.80	459.30	- 0.10	2.43
UK Inc/Gth	455.10	482.90	+ 1.70	4.03
UK Income	321.10	340.70	+ 1.30	5.34
UK Sm Cos	293.50	320.30	0.10	1.59
Euro Gwth	158.10	168.80	+ 0.20	0.47
N Amer Gwth	114.43	121.00		
Japan Growth	65.32	69.31	+ 0.24	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	553.90	562.80	+ 2.30	2.97
-do- Accum	911.27	911.27	+ 4.00	2.97
Equity Income	99.99	99.99†	+ 0.48	5.26
UK Tactical Alloctn	62.71	62.71†	+ 0.36	4.20
European	140.80	140.80	+ 0.58	1.55
Far Eastern	232.50	232.50	- 0.20	
Fixed Interest	53.42	53.42†	+ 0.13	7.54
Gilt	90.18	90.18	- 0.07	6.83
Global Growth	80.86	80.86	- 0.02	1.05
Intl Bond	54.93	54.93		5.15
Japanese	74.98	74.98	+ 0.14	
North American	198.10	198.10†	- 0.90	0.72
Pacific Growth	120.50	120.50	- 0.70	0.07
UK Index	72.65	72.65	+ 0.29	3.36
UK Recovery	111.60	111.60	+ 0.10	3.23
UK Smaller Cos	158.30	158.30†	+ 0.20	1.10
US Index	77.57	77.57†	+ 0.08	1.47
European Index	89.56	89.56	+ 0.31	2.15
Japan Index	40.94	40.94†	+ 0.21	
Worldwide	96.23	96.23	- 0.15	1.45
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 623				
Growth	52.77	56.43	+ 0.12	2.18
Income	61.72	65.00†	+ 0.15	3.06
Far East	55.93	59.71	- 0.16	0.98
North American	123.70	131.60	- 0.50	
Global	106.60	114.00	- 0.10	0.19
European	92.56	98.23	+ 0.29	0.65
Japan	106.50	113.90†	+ 0.60	
Intl Currency Bd	63.78	64.44	- 0.03	4.34
SE Asia	109.50	117.10	- 0.80	0.48
UK Cap Growth	96.68	103.40	+ 0.30	1.70
Recovery Trust	89.16	94.65	+ 0.41	1.17
Managed	75.97	80.81	- 0.09	0.60
Cash	50.91	50.91	+ 0.01	4.50
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	386.40	411.10	+ 1.00	2.40
-do- Accum	913.60	972.00	+ 2.40	2.40
Contl Euro Gth	79.56	84.17	- 0.21	0.70
-do- Accum	86.05	90.58	- 0.24	0.70
Extra Inc	367.40	394.50	+ 0.80	4.35
-do- Accum	731.80	778.70	+ 2.40	4.35
FTSE 100 Inc	115.40	122.80	- 0.60	2.79
FTSE 100 Acc	117.50	125.00	+ 0.80	2.79
German Gth	135.80	143.00	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	142.40	149.90	- 1.10	
Growth Port	651.70	693.30	+ 10.10	
-do- Accum	677.00	719.90	+ 10.30	
High Interest Inc	96.59	100.10†	+ 0.24	7.85
High Interest Acc	100.80	104.50	+ 0.30	7.85
Hi Reserve Inc #	105.63	110.30	+ 0.30	6.40
Hi Reserve Acc #	111.09	118.10	+ 0.30	6.40
Income	536.10	569.70	+ 8.10	3.41
-do- Accum	514.07	615.77	+ 22.00	3.41
Income Port	536.00	570.30†	+ 1.20	4.56
-do- Accum	594.90	632.90	+ 1.30	4.56
Japan Growth	108.30	115.30	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	108.70	115.70	+ 0.10	
Master Trust	65.73	69.93†	- 0.01	1.35
-do- Accum	75.90	80.75	- 0.01	1.35
Millennium Acc	92.17	98.06		2.42
N American Gen	227.60	242.20†		...
-do- Accum	289.40	289.30	...	..
Nthn Sm Co Rec	186.40	198.40	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	190.30	202.50	+ 1.60	
Pacific Basin	269.10	286.30	- 1.30	0.20
-do- Accum	286.70	305.00	- 1.40	0.20
Small Cos Rec	504.60	531.20	- 0.40	1.62
-do- Accum	691.80	729.00	- 0.50	1.62
UK Eq Gth	156.40	166.40	+ 0.30	2.86
UK Eq Inc	122.50	130.40	+ 0.40	4.27
UK Growth	100.00	106.40†	+ 1.40	2.08
-do- Accum	125.50	133.60	+ 1.60	2.08
Worldwide Gth	349.50	371.90	- 0.88	.
-do- Accum	516.60	549.60	- 1.20	.
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	81.18	86.89†	- 0.12	0.40
General	101.54	108.94	+ 0.23	2.90
Income	70.19	75.31	+ 0.27	5.50
International	72.18	77.44†	- 0.24	0.40
Japan	59.68	64.03	+ 0.12	
Tst of Inv Tsts	73.84	79.22	- 0.17	1.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	487.50	515.10	- 3.90	0.48
-do- Accum	609.30	643.80	- 4.80	0.48
Amer Recovery	525.10	555.30	- 7.90	0.42
-do- Accum	605.70	649.60	- 8.00	0.42
Amer Smlr Cos	148.80	157.40†	- 1.00	.
-do- Accum	152.90	160.80†	- 1.08	..
Australasian	186.70	197.40	- 3.45	2.90
-do- Accum	232.70	246.00	- 4.30	2.90
Capital	957.10	1012.10	+ 2.08	3.02
-do- Accum	1127.80	1192.60	+ 2.40	3.02
Charifund	723.20	730.50	+ 3.50	6.09
-do- Accum	3848.80	3885.30	+ 17.40	6.09
Commodity	453.90	480.00	- 4.20	0.47
-do- Accum	669.30	707.90	- 6.10	0.47
Compound Gth	1050.40	1110.80	+ 4.10	3.08
-do- Accum	1145.80	1211.70	+ 4.40	3.08
Corporate Bond	24.85	24.94†	+ 0.01	7.70
Dividend	42.00	44.40	+ 0.10	4.93
-do- Accum	185.90	196.60	+ 0.40	4.93
Equity Income	338.50	358.00	+ 0.60	5.39
-do- Accum	458.60	484.90	+ 0.80	5.39
Euro & General	618.10	653.60†	+ 1.90	1.02
-do- Accum	793.80	839.40†	+ 2.40	1.02
Euro Dividend	78.50	83.00†	+ 0.40	3.69
-do- Accum	99.90	105.60†	+ 0.50	3.69
Extra Yield	444.90	470.50	+ 2.50	5.21
-do- Accum	1465.20	1549.50	+ 8.10	5.21
Far Eastern	375.20	396.80	- 0.70	0.99
-do- Accum	500.50	529.30	- 0.90	0.99
Fund of Inv Tsts	678.70	717.70	+ 7.40	1.98
-do- Accum	1302.70	1377.50	+ 14.20	1.98
General	65.10	68.80†	+ 0.30	4.01
-do- Accum	191.80	202.80†	+ 0.90	4.01
Gilt Income	60.51	60.60	- 0.07	7.30
-do- Accum	180.69	180.95	- 0.22	7.30
Gold	78.00	82.50†	- 0.60	1.84
-do- Accum	93.30	98.60†	- 0.60	1.84
High Income	30.90	32.70†	+ 0.20	4.97
-do- Accum	132.00	139.60†	+ 0.60	4.97
Intl Growth	89.10	94.20	+ 0.10	0.75
-do- Accum	156.80	165.70	+ 0.10	0.75
International Inc	107.40	113.60		4.63
-do- Accum	168.30	177.80	- 0.20	4.63
Japan & Gen	42.20	44.50	- 0.20	...
-do- Accum	45.30	47.80	- 0.10	.
Japan Smlr Cos	154.00	162.80	- 1.10	
-do- Accum	155.00	163.90	- 1.10	
Managed Gwth	26.32	27.70†	.	1.42
Managed Income	28.70	30.10†	.	4.41
Midland	60.70	64.20	- 0.20	3.45
-do- Accum	210.70	222.80	- 0.70	3.45
Pension Ex	1024.80	1050.50	+ 4.09	4.53
Recovery	46.10	48.80†	+ 0.20	2.98
-do- Accum	79.30	83.90†	+ 0.20	2.98
Second General	72.20	76.40†	+ 0.20	4.02
-do- Accum	195.70	207.10†	+ 0.40	4.02
Smaller Cos	72.00	76.10	- 0.10	3.32
-do- Accum	147.40	155.90	- 0.20	3.32
Treasury	25.09	25.13†		5.63
Trustee	42.00	44.40	..	4.94
-do- Accum	178.70	188.90	..	4.94
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	96.86	103.04	.	1.86
Intl Bond	65.25	68.57	.	5.36
Intl Equity Growth	83.48	88.65	...	0.84
N Amer Growth	125.95	133.87		0.75
Special Sits Growth	26.14	27.80	.	1.90
UK Growth	436.57	464.43	.	2.60
-do- Accum	592.37	630.16	..	2.60
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1451.10	1483.30	. .	2.98
Income #	1004.00	1020.30†	..	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	163.20	167.10†	..	3.62
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	170.50	175.80†	+ 0.30	2.62
-do- Accum	202.30	208.60†	+ 0.30	2.62
UK Sel Ptflo	149.00	153.60†	+ 0.70	2.61
-do- Accum	179.60	185.10†	+ 0.80	2.61
UK 100 Cos	109.50	109.50	+ 0.50	2.95
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Fst	73.34	78.02		3.88
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	78.37	83.83†	+ 0.07	4.07
European	102.50	108.80	- 0.80	0.64
Income #	79.16	84.03	+ 0.04	4.39
Nth American	87.80	93.24†	- 0.20	0.29
Far East	176.90	187.80†	- 0.50	0.39
Japan	63.93	67.97	+ 0.04	
Emrgng Mkts	87.58	93.67	- 1.00	
Intl Growth	126.70	134.50	- 0.40	0.84
UK Growth	118.10	125.40	+ 0.60	2.62
UK Smlr Co	59.44	63.10	- 0.11	1.07
Asian Opps Fd	37.50	40.11†	- 0.28	0.31
Glob Gwth PEP	59.92	63.60	- 0.13	1.27
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	100.20	106.60	- 2.30	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	442.96	471.23	+ 2.24	4.69
Global Inc	73.99	78.71	+ 0.18	3.97
Brit Leaders	378.93	403.12	+ 2.90	3.56
Intl Leaders	221.06	235.17	- 0.73	1.56
PAM Mg Bal Grth	71.50	74.29	- 0.71	0.63
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	251.50	265.40	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	269.00	283.80	- 0.80	
American Opps	121.00	129.10	- 3.40	
-do- Accum	122.50	130.70	- 3.40	
British Blue Chip	91.61	97.31	+ 0.640	2.47
-do- Accum	116.60	123.90	+ 0.908	2.47
Cash	100.10	108.10†	- 1.10	5.43
-do- Accum	147.10	147.10†		5.43
Emerging Mkts	125.40	134.80†	- 1.80	0.11
-do- Accum	126.90	138.50†	- 1.80	0.11
European Growth	311.20	329.80	- 0.50	0.14
-do- Accum	337.70	357.80	- 0.60	0.14
European Income	90.98	96.26†	- 0.13	2.98
-do- Accum	130.30	137.80†	- 0.20	2.98
General	575.60	612.10	+ 1.400	2.02
-do- Accum	1170.00	1244.00	+ 3.000	2.02
Global Bond	134.80	141.60	- 0.10	5.94
-do- Accum	173.70	182.30	- 0.40	5.94
Gold & General	236.60	253.80†	- 3.80	0.35
-do- Accum	244.80	262.50†	- 4.20	0.35
Govt Securities	92.18	95.05†	+ 0.020	6.22
-do- Accum	192.30	199.30†		6.22
High Yield Bd	99.29	101.80†		7.39
-do- Accum	104.00	106.60†		7.39
Income	177.30	188.20	+ 0.900	4.40
-do- Accum	291.90	309.80	+ 1.600	4.40
Inc Portfolio #	108.50	114.90†	+ 0.400	4.99
-do- Accum #	117.20	124.20†	+ 0.500	4.99
Intl Opps	552.40	589.20†	- 6.10	0.15
-do- Accum	745.40	795.10†	- 8.20	0.15
Japan	176.60	188.10	+ 0.400	
-do- Accum	181.30	193.20	+ 0.500	
New Europe	225.20	240.20	- 0.90	0.84
-do- Accum	234.30	249.60	- 1.00	0.84
Pacific	117.70	124.90†	- 0.80	0.82
-do- Accum	126.20	134.00†	- 0.80	0.82
Recovery	416.30	441.70	+ 4.900	0.56
-do- Accum	547.10	583.60	+ 6.500	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	64.30	68.59	- 0.25	0.75
-do- Accum	73.52	78.42	- 0.29	0.75
Portfolio	90.73	96.20	+ 0.200	2.40
-do- Accum	110.90	117.40	+ 0.300	2.40
Managed Gth	116.50	122.00†	- 0.10	1.06
Managed Inc	115.80	120.30†	+ 0.400	3.00
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	147.79	157.22	- 0.47	0.15
Portfolio	76.77	81.67†	+ 0.08	1.47
UK Income Inc	87.01	92.56	+ 0.43	4.70
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	66.58	69.72	+ 0.19	2.74
-do- Accum	72.91	76.34	+ 0.21	2.74
British Tst	98.73	103.40	- 0.40	2.45
-do- Accum	118.10	123.60	- 0.60	2.45
Corp Bond Inc	99.68	103.30	+ 0.20	6.86
-do- Accum	100.50	104.10	+ 0.20	6.86
Extra High Inc	67.67	71.07†	+ 0.19	7.45
-do- Accum	143.10	149.80†	+ 0.49	7.45
FT-SE 100 Acc	64.44	67.47†	+ 0.37	3.23
FT-SE 100 Dist	60.60	63.66†	+ 0.35	3.23
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.43	57.68	- 0.06	6.61
-do- Accum	174.10	181.20	- 0.20	6.61
High Yield	227.30	238.00	+ 0.90	7.25
-do- Accum	616.50	645.50	+ 2.59	7.25
Income	306.30	320.70	+ 1.40	4.96
-do- Accum	701.00	734.00	+ 3.40	4.96
Money Market UT	49.62	49.62	+ 0.01	4.60
-do- Accum	82.30	82.30	+ 0.01	4.60
Monthly Income	88.76	92.94†	+ 0.33	5.21
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	123.60	131.50†	+ 0.50	1.40
European Growth	130.50	138.10†	- 0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	96.76	102.70†	- 0.10	5.40
Income	96.16	102.70†	+ 0.40	2.50
Japan Growth	53.06	56.24†	- 1.03	
Managed	79.34	84.40†	- 0.37	2.08
Money Market	93.71	99.33†	+ 0.02	4.04
North American	103.90	110.20†	- 1.30	0.41
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	112.40	119.60†	+ 0.50	1.48
European Growth	122.60	129.90†	- 0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.43	97.01†	- 0.09	5.42
Income	94.38	100.40†	+ 0.45	2.56
Japan Growth	52.79	55.95†	- 1.02	
Managed	76.36	81.23†	+ 0.24	2.05
Money Market	86.41	91.60†	+ 0.02	4.01
North American	93.96	99.59†	- 1.21	0.49
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	111.70	118.80†	+ 0.50	1.48
European Growth	120.00	127.20†	- 0.10	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.67	88.79†	- 0.10	5.56
Income	91.93	97.80†	+ 0.40	2.61
Japan Growth	53.97	57.21†	- 1.04	
Managed	78.97	84.01†	+ 0.24	2.06
Money Market	79.87	84.66†	+ 0.01	4.11
North American	105.20	111.50†	- 1.40	0.38
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.81	15.69	- 0.12	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	429.00	456.80†	- 2.00	
European Gth Inc	579.00	620.50†	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	585.30	627.20†	- 1.30	. .
Intl Gwth	223.40	237.50	+ 0.30	
UK Equity Inc	211.90	225.30	+ 0.90	3.71
Do Accum	284.10	302.10	+ 1.20	3.71
UK Ind Trck Inc	184.10	196.50	+ 0.80	2.56
-do- Accum	224.30	239.40	+ 1.00	2.56
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	257.70	273.00	+ 0.10	0.89
Japan Tracker	75.03	79.12	+ 0.38	
Asian Tracker	219.60	237.00	- 1.20	0.16
Managed Inc	182.40	194.60†	+ 0.30	2.03
Managed Acc	199.00	212.30†	+ 0.30	2.03
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16	+ 0.01	5.36
Europa	291.90	313.10	- 1.70	
Genesis	307.80	324.50	+ 0.10	2.49
High Income	20.48	21.72†	+ 0.07	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	105.20	107.50†	- 0.10	2.24
Acumen Inc	96.33	98.52†	- 0.04	2.24
Acumen Reserve	93.30	94.73†	+ 0.31	7.66
-do- Inc	73.08	73.79†	+ 0.24	7.66
American Growth	65.59	68.43	- 0.92	
Equity Income #	99.64	102.30†	+ 0.50	4.77
European	79.68	81.19	- 0.23	0.60
Smaller Cos	90.32	94.79	- 0.22	1.15
W'wide Eqty	75.04	78.70	- 0.29	
Global Bond	45.46	45.96	- 0.02	5.78
UK Growth	108.00	110.90	+ 0.40	1.74
Pacific Growth	116.70	120.80†	- 1.50	0.54
Japan Growth	101.70	103.30†	+ 0.20	. .
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	139.60	148.51†	+ 0.94	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	83.58	88.91†	+ 0.44	2.48
UK Income	118.92	126.51	+ 0.69	4.37
Higher Income	227.13	241.62†	+ 0.85	4.56
Smaller Cos	105.84	112.59	- 0.18	1.45
International	108.01	114.90	+ 0.38	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	123.30	131.20†	- 1.50	0.10
European Dist	144.10	153.30	+ 0.70	0.30
Far East Dist	197.90	210.50	- 1.20	
Global Care Dist	83.12	88.43†	- 0.29	0.36
Oseas Dist	1162.50	1236.70	- 3.30	. .
-do- Accum	1508.80	1605.10	- 4.40	
UK Dist	402.40	428.10	+ 1.90	2.13
-do- Accum	817.30	869.59	+ 3.80	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	91.50	97.34	+ 0.26	2.90
Wwide Dist	120.50	128.20	- 0.18	
Wwide Inc Dist	86.71	92.24	+ 0.42	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 386				
Europa Inc	74.74	78.89	+ 0.34	0.76
Fund of Funds Inc	67.94	71.70†	+ 0.18	1.61
North America Inc	63.92	67.46	- 0.08	0.37
UK Equity Gth Inc	65.12	68.73	- 0.35	2.94
-do- Accum	70.09	73.97	- 0.38	2.94
UK General Inc	65.33	68.95	+ 0.29	2.96
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	48.16	50.75†	- 0.03	6.62
UK Income Inc	63.34	66.85	+ 0.30	4.34
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	50.83	54.07	- 0.23	
-do- Accum	51.22	54.48	- 0.24	
Bond	125.02	132.68†	+ 0.08	5.73
Cash Income	50.41	50.41	+ 0.01	5.29
-do- Accum	68.53	68.53	+ 0.01	5.29
Distributor	98.06	104.31†	- 0.98	3.08
European	54.34	57.80†	- 0.10	
Foundation	104.89	111.58	+ 0.36	2.84
General Inc	208.96	222.29†	+ 3.47	1.53
General Acc	211.04	224.51†	+ 3.49	1.53
Global	369.25	392.81	- 0.40	
Growth Inc	138.05	146.86	+ 0.29	2.54
Growth Acc	139.93	148.86	+ 0.30	2.54
Higher Income Inc	29.78	31.68	- 0.35	5.02
-do- Accum	35.62	37.89	- 0.39	5.02
Income	250.38	266.36†	+ 0.91	3.61
Intrepid	145.33	149.35		1.85
Japan	37.49	39.24	- 0.40	
Oriental Inc	153.94	163.76	- 0.87	0.76
-do- Accum	158.84	168.97	- 0.90	0.76
Pers Intl Gwth	35.66	37.93	..	. .
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	45.95	48.62†	- 0.13	6.65
Managed	110.10	116.50		2.52
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	138.16	145.43	- 0.09	1.07
UK Equity	160.56	169.01	+ 0.78	2.98
UK Equity Income	143.06	150.59	+ 0.64	3.46
UK Smaller Cos	131.92	138.87†	- 0.50	1.74
UK Equity Growth	145.25	152.89		1.15
UK Index Trckg	161.50	170.45	+ 0.74	3.56
Intl Index Trckg	166.52	175.75	+ 0.40	1.03
International	271.17	285.44	+ 0.34	0.82
European	246.33	259.29	+ 1.01	0.40
Pan European	163.20	171.79	+ 0.74	1.42
Nth American	225.17	237.02	- 0.52	0.20
N Amer Smlr Cos	229.94	242.04†	- 2.45	
Japanese	97.08	102.19†	+ 0.22	
Pacific	244.92	257.81†	- 0.41	0.50
South East Asian	278.45	293.11	- 1.54	0.59
Intl Bond	136.13	143.29†	- 0.22	5.02
Gilt & Convertible	106.66	112.27†	- 0.21	5.41
Property	81.40	85.68†	+ 0.07	5.58
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 868				
European Inc	359.20	386.90	- 1.70	0.14
-do- Accum	381.50	410.90	- 1.80	0.14
Japan Inc	114.70	122.30	+ 0.60	.
Nth American Inc	125.50	133.60	- 0.38	0.88
Worldwide Inc	173.80	186.70	+ 0.30	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	164.90	177.30	+ 0.30	1.27
Swiss Equities Inc	87.62	93.86	+ 0.12	.
Wwide Bond Inc	67.40	71.32	- 0.13	5.49
Emrging Asia Inc	200.20	218.30	- 1.90	.
-do- Accum	208.80	219.20	- 1.80	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.51	50.51	+ 0.01	5.87
Thailand Inc	150.50	165.20	- 3.00	1.38
New Zealand Inc	96.92	104.20	+ 0.60	2.97
Int Mngd PEP Inc	68.68	73.66	+ 0.17	1.34
Latin Am Cmp Inc	63.49	68.06	- 1.10	.
UK All Sh Mtn Inc	66.58	67.71	+ 0.27	2.89
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	86.55	92.57	- 1.44	.
Global Portfolio	78.48	83.94†	- 1.07	.
Global Opps	68.92	73.71	- 0.40	
Marsh Global Gth	68.31	72.44	- 0.03	
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	100.10	107.50	+ 0.40	..
Temple Equity Inc	45.18	49.32†	+ 0.29	4.20
Hartley Growth	108.70	115.60†	- 0.10	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	88.62	94.78	- 0.65	0.84
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.75	98.13	- 0.27	.
Premier Perfmc Inc	70.90	75.83†	- 0.18	1.39
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.48	86.07	- 0.28	0.28
International Strat	83.91	89.74	- 1.16	
UFC Ind-Act Gth	61.32	65.58	- 0.74	
Chartfield Port of Fds	54.90	58.63†	- 0.54	.
Chartfield Sec	123.16	134.70†		.
Lowes Intl Growth	50.14	52.78	- 0.41	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	235.30	250.30	+ 2.80	1.24
European Gth	124.70	132.30	- 0.90	0.67
Income & Gth #	155.20	165.10	+ 1.00	2.91
Japan Gth	116.30	123.60	- 0.20	
Nth Amer Gth	196.50	209.00	- 1.30	
Overseas Gth	118.70	126.30	- 0.60	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	265.80	281.80†	+ 0.70	2.65
-do- Accum	578.90	616.80	+ 1.60	2.65
Growth	173.10	182.10	+ 0.38	2.90
Income	256.30	272.60	+ 0.68	3.71
Intl Equity	281.50	299.40	- 0.60	0.68
-do- Accum	313.40	333.40	0.80	0.68
UK Income	70.78	75.30†	+ 0.24	3.26
UK Ind 25	89.79	95.52	+ 0.17	2.15
New Europe	98.84	105.10	- 0.20	0.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	660.74	715.99	+ 1.00	0.45
-do- Accum	672.36	718.80	+ 1.01	0.45
Income	411.58	440.11	+ 2.04	3.27
Wwide Recovery	443.90	474.76	- 0.51	0.59
Amer Growth Inc	289.34	308.50	- 1.88	0.01
-do- Accum	289.34	308.50	- 1.88	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	287.01	307.98	- 1.23	0.11
Far Estn Grth Inc	307.25	328.62	- 1.22	0.86
-do- Accum	309.38	329.82	- 1.22	0.86
Euro Gwth Inc	173.72	185.56	+ 0.30	0.54
-do- Accum	174.33	186.20	+ 0.30	0.54
UK Growth Inc	109.01	116.59	+ 0.65	2.79
-do- Accum	117.07	125.21	+ 0.81	2.79
High Income	107.47	114.88†	+ 0.49	4.04
Jap Gwth Inc	215.93	230.45	+ 0.33	0.16
-do- Accum	215.93	230.45	+ 0.33	0.16
PEP Bond	51.78	53.98	+ 0.23	7.86
PEP Growth	140.70	150.49	+ 0.37	0.94
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	136.12	145.59	1.04	0.20
-do- Accum	136.45	145.94	- 1.03	0.20
Amer Smlr Co Inc	182.61	195.31	- 3.03	0.01
-do- Accum	182.61	195.31	- 3.03	0.01
Global Bond	57.32	60.39	+ 0.04	5.29
UK Smaller Cos Inc	105.69	113.04†	- 0.19	1.58
-do- Accum	112.61	120.44	- 0.21	1.58
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	130.09	138.39	- 2.86	
European	92.51	98.41	- 1.19	
Global	69.32	73.74†	- 1.05	
Pacific	62.75	66.76	- 1.02	
UK Inc & Grth	77.76	82.72	- 0.50	2.06
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Emerg Mkts	48.98	51.83	0.28	1.00
Fund of Funds Inc	190.26	201.33	- 2.19	0.59
Fund of Funds Acc	191.59	202.74	- 2.20	0.59
High Income #	53.44	56.55	- 0.72	5.75
Performance	46.61	49.58	- 0.17	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	166.50	177.13		2.12
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	114.00	121.20†	- 0.30	3.28
Conv & Gilt	116.00	123.40	- 0.40	5.48
European Income	86.99	92.54	- 0.41	3.03
Extra Income	175.80	187.10†	+ 0.20	4.78
-do- Accum	326.90	341.40	+ 0.20	4.78
Far East	427.40	454.60	- 2.10	
-do- Accum	436.30	464.70	- 2.10	
Global Income	28.02	29.81†	+ 0.08	6.29
High Income	132.30	140.70	+ 0.20	4.56
-do- Accum	166.99	177.50	+ 0.28	4.56
International	212.50	226.00	- 1.00	0.52
-do- Accum	220.10	234.10	- 1.00	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	43.20	45.96†	- 0.10	7.39
Recovery	86.23	91.73	+ 0.18	2.31
Special Sits	142.40	151.50	0.10	1.53
-do- Accum	157.80	167.90	- 0.10	1.53
Technology	650.40	691.10	- 5.10	
UK Blue Chip	84.38	89.76	+ 0.02	3.23
-do- Accum	96.96	103.20	+ 0.10	3.23
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	44.82	46.45	+ 0.04	1.77
Cash Haven Inc	101.63	102.13†	+ 0.01	5.03
Cash Haven Acc	118.01	118.59†	+ 0.02	5.03
Dist Trust Inc	102.80	106.53†	+ 0.16	6.51
Dist Trust Acc	115.21	119.39†	+ 0.19	6.51
Global Growth	102.09	108.60†	- 0.21	1.45
Equity Inc	87.08	92.64†	+ 0.28	4.72
Equity	836.93	890.35	+ 3.41	2.85
European	261.84	271.34	+ 0.32	0.78
High Income	90.00	95.74†	+ 0.25	5.46
Intl Grth	214.75	228.46†	- 0.02	0.75
Intl Sm Co	94.80	100.85	0.31	0.66
Japanese	223.78	232.52	+ 0.98	
Nth Amer	223.86	232.05†	- 0.24	1.33
Pacific Mkts	114.35	118.50†	+ 0.58	0.71
Premier Inc	47.78	49.73†	- 0.04	6.64
Sm Cos	109.50	116.49	- 0.29	1.73
Spec Sits	121.50	129.26†	- 0.43	2.73
UK Growth	141.85	150.90	+ 0.57	2.36
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	79.72	83.83	- 0.37	3.97
Investment Trust	110.28	115.96	- 0.46	
UK Smaller Cos	106.71	112.21†	+ 0.13	1.34
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
Brnch Life	325.00	344.70	+ 1.30	3.60
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	621.09	660.04	- 4.61	0.12
FA America (Acc)	727.85	773.50	- 5.40	0.12
FA UK Equity Inc	175.73	187.74	+ 0.33	3.61
FA Japan	239.45	254.71	+ 1.50	
FA Major UK Cos	110.89	118.11†	+ 0.41	2.04
FA Smlr UK Cos	398.04	422.59	- 0.60	0.85
FA European	407.67	431.83	- 0.67	0.49
FA Amer Smlr Cos	55.63	59.57	- 1.96	
FA Asia	54.80	58.70	- 0.38	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	44.73	47.75	- 0.08	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	117.53	123.71	+ 0.42	
UK Smlr Cos	114.61	120.63	- 0.17	
UK Income	115.56	121.62	+ 0.22	
America	125.64	132.24	- 0.93	
Japanese	53.02	55.80	+ 0.32	
European	131.39	138.30	- 0.21	
Gilt	98.78	103.97	+ 0.10	
Deposit	89.51	94.22		
Managed	114.11	120.11	+ 0.05	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	114.22	120.22	+ 0.41	
UK Smaller Cos	111.72	117.59	- 0.17	
UK Income	112.50	118.41	+ 0.21	.
America	122.04	128.45	- 0.90	
Japanese	51.50	54.20	+ 0.31	
European	127.77	134.49	- 0.20	
Gilt	96.59	101.67	+ 0.13	
Deposit	85.71	90.22	+ 0.01	
Managed	106.56	112.16	+ 0.06	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices. 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	111.90	118.90	- 0.50	0.26
Pacific Basin	81.93	87.91	- 0.62	0.26
High Inc Dist	149.10	159.30	- 1.50	4.14
Ryl Life Intl Cmry	64.18	67.60		3.82
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	76.18	81.19†	- 0.56	0.13
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.51	77.13	- 0.33	
UK Emerging Cos	141.60	153.00	- 2.00	1.35
UK Index Trckg	187.70	199.50	- 2.20	3.74
European	165.80	177.80	- 3.20	0.26
Managed	173.80	186.80	- 2.10	1.06
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	183.90	195.60†	- 1.40	1.67
European Growth	134.70	142.90	- 2.80	2.27
Far East Growth	145.70	155.00†	- 2.30	1.74
Japan Growth	131.90	140.20	- 2.50	
Special Sits	232.90	247.70	- 2.70	1.14
UK Growth	94.70	100.70†	- 1.20	1.91
Trilon General	280.20	298.10	- 4.30	1.49
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	175.30	186.50	- 0.10	0.82
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	399.50	422.80	- 0.70	0.28
-do- Accum	624.50	660.80	- 1.00	0.28
Growth Inc	152.60	161.50		0.48
-do- Accum	156.50	165.60		0.48
International Inc	397.20	420.30		0.34
-do- Accum	547.50	579.40		0.34
Nth Am & Intl Inc	378.80	400.60	- 2.80	0.59
UK Gen Prog Inc	243.60	257.80	+ 0.70	1.00
-do- Accum	279.10	295.30	+ 0.80	1.00
UK High Inc Inc	141.50	149.70	+ 0.80	4.77
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	120.22	127.89	- 0.78	0.75
European Gwth	87.78	93.38	- 0.29	1.00
Global Bd	61.24	64.71	- 0.09	5.00
Japan	93.53	99.50	+ 0.10	.
UK Gwth	87.26	92.82	+ 0.08	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	86.62	92.15	- 0.20	3.28
Amer Smlr Cos	137.70	146.50	- 2.00	
Capital Portfolio	147.00	156.40	+ 0.20	0.96
Cash	134.20	134.20†		5.22
China Dragon	61.53	65.46	- 0.09	1.37
Commodity	145.30	154.60	- 1.90	..
Emerging Mkts	37.25	39.63†	- 0.60	0.31
Energy Inds	158.90	169.00	+ 0.90	
European Gwth	230.70	245.40	- 1.90	0.29
Euro Inc & Gwth #	93.44	99.40†	- 0.70	1.70
Euro Smllr Cos	73.57	78.27	- 1.08	0.10
Exempt Income #	149.00	151.80	+ 0.30	3.79
Extra Income #	55.16	58.95	+ 0.16	6.14
Far Eastern	111.40	118.50	- 0.50	.
FE Sm Cos	46.25	49.20†	- 0.17	
Financial Secs	273.00	290.40	+ 0.20	1.04
Gold & Exploration	106.30	113.10	- 1.80	
Growth	406.10	408.10	+ 0.40	1.74
High Income #	48.94	48.94	+ 0.10	7.60
High Yield #	250.90	266.90	+ 0.30	3.13
Intl Bond	170.10	179.60	- 0.30	5.94
ITU	229.60	244.30	- 0.50	0.68
Income #	128.70	136.90	+ 0.20	3.81
Japan Growth	180.90	192.40	+ 0.20	
Japan Smaller	196.90	209.50	- 1.00	
Korea	56.78	60.40	- 1.04	.
Latin America	39.18	41.68†	- 0.67	0.35
Masterfund	62.69	64.01	- 0.20	0.95
Premier Eq Grth	151.00	160.60†	+ 0.20	1.10
Premier Eq Inc #	341.20	363.00	+ 0.40	2.06
Scotfields #	270.00	287.20	+ 0.50	2.87
Select Intl	151.20	160.90	- 0.10	0.59
Smaller Cos Inc #	260.70	277.30	- 0.70	3.58
SE Asia	51.83	55.14	- 0.49	0.08
Southern Africa	57.80	61.49	- 0.65	1.32
UK & O'seas	190.90	203.10†	+ 0.10	1.10
UK Eqty Gth	76.70	81.60	+ 0.09	1.58
UK Eqty Inc #	241.70	257.10†	+ 0.20	4.18
UK Grth & Inc #	275.10	292.70†	+ 0.40	3.44
UK Sm Cos	58.82	62.57	- 0.31	1.28
US Growth	198.90	211.60	- 0.80	
Univ Growth	154.40	164.30	- 0.28	0.74
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 840				
Retail Funds				
American	316.45	334.84	+ 3.77	0.90
-do- Accum	349.01	369.40	+ 4.15	0.90
European Gwth	88.71	93.99	+ 1.08	0.81
Euro Smlr Cos	110.23	117.57†	+ 0.41	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	110.10	117.44†	- 0.73	
-do- Accum	112.23	119.71†	- 0.74	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.03	54.82	- 0.19	7.48
Global Bond #	50.98	52.66†	- 0.11	6.75
-do- Accum #	60.72	62.73†	- 0.13	6.75
Global Emrg Mkts	56.88	60.67	- 0.69	
-do- Accum	56.94	60.73	- 0.69	
Income #	396.60	423.04	+ 2.71	5.08
-do- Accum #	£13.13	£14.01	+ 8.98	5.08
Japan Smlr Cos	472.25	503.73†	- 1.58	.
-do- Accum	473.20	504.74†	- 1.58	
Japan Enterprise	68.30	72.85	+ 0.02	
Pacific Gwth	154.62	164.92	- 1.49	0.53
-do- Accum	160.16	170.83	- 1.54	0.53
Portfolio	92.32	98.47	+ 0.26	2.05
-do- Accum	101.91	108.70	+ 0.29	2.05
Seoul	48.03	51.23	- 0.73	
-do- Accum	48.03	51.23	- 0.73	
Smaller Cos	305.59	325.96†	- 0.90	0.79
Strategic Inc	98.72	105.30	- 0.05	2.30
Strategic Acc	98.72	105.30	- 0.05	2.30
Tokyo	129.71	138.35	+ 0.28	
-do- Accum	131.02	139.75	+ 0.28	
UK Enterprise	319.14	340.41†	+ 2.18	2.32
-do- Accum	394.38	420.66†	+ 2.63	2.32
UK Equity	286.94	306.06†	+ 1.33	2.71
-do- Accum	580.10	618.77†	+ 2.69	2.71
US Smllr Cos	213.75	227.99	- 2.26	
-do- Accum	213.75	227.99	- 2.26	
Institutional Funds				
European	281.17	291.73†	- 0.58	2.11
-do- Accum	317.53	329.34†	- 0.66	2.11
Euro Smlr Cos	36.73	38.26	- 0.22	1.30
-do- Accum	39.52	41.17	- 0.23	1.30
Global Equity Inc	93.08	92.79	- 0.17	1.06
Japan Smlr Cos	40.39	42.07†	- 0.02	0.11
-do- Accum	40.78	42.47†	- 0.03	0.11
Mngd Balanced	218.74	227.85	+ 0.17	3.23
-do- Accum	255.04	265.67	+ 0.19	3.23
Overseas Equity	216.16	225.16†	- 0.47	1.34
-do- Accum	226.74	236.18†	- 0.50	1.34
Oseas Smlr Cos	149.28	155.50	- 0.63	0.94
-do- Accum	157.31	163.86	- 0.67	0.94
Pacific	274.41	285.87	- 1.75	1.42
-do- Accum	304.24	316.91	- 1.95	1.42
Recovery	122.80	123.74†	+ 7.44	3.06
-do- Accum	125.02	126.13†	+ 8.19	3.06
UK Index	175.76	183.08	+ 2.04	3.56
-do- Accum	224.06	233.40	+ 2.60	3.56
UK Small Cos	138.88	144.66	+ 0.02	2.46
-do- Accum	152.46	158.81	+ 0.02	2.46
US Smllr Cos	61.95	64.53	+ 0.97	0.52
-do- Accum	63.45	66.08	+ 0.99	0.52
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	57.22	60.51	- 0.72	2.66
Equity Trust	72.72	76.90	0.89	2.87
Equity Strategy	86.68	91.66	1.00	1.27
European Opps	103.51	109.46	- 2.11	0.41
UK Smaller Cos	79.96	84.56	- 0.79	0.95
Maximum Inc	100.20	102.61	+ 0.05	5.67
Japanese	81.17	85.84	+ 0.26	
Asia Pacific	126.10	133.35	1.65	0.71
American	126.19	133.35	0.32	0.24
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.01	33.01	+ 0.01	5.32
UK General Inc	60.66	64.20†	+ 0.24	2.51
-do- Accum	79.72	85.02†	+ 0.31	2.51
Intl Income	292.02	311.49	+ 0.01	1.55
-do- Accum	517.26	542.41	+ 0.01	1.55
European	99.36	105.30	+ 0.44	1.87
Japan	69.69	73.82	+ 0.36	
American	89.31	94.46	- 0.05	1.43
Far East	90.59	96.63	- 0.44	1.27
Ethical Inc	38.02	40.64†	- 0.03	1.77
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.24	40.87	- 0.23	[illegible]
High Inc Inc	40.23	42.92	+ 0.18	3.63
UK Global Inc	46.45	49.34	+ 0.11	2.54
Wwide Tact	79.92	85.22	0.03	1.07
Europe 2000 Tact	68.39	72.68	- 0.09	1.55
Technology	142.58	152.05	0.12	0.92
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	455.30	485.40	- 2.80	1.95
American	324.90	344.70	- 3.20	0.50
Pacific	412.10	440.70	- 0.30	0.29
European	670.90	717.50	+ 1.00	1.19
Worldwide	101.10	108.50	0.20	0.54
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	312.10	332.10†	- 1.30	2.16
-do- Accum	409.00	435.20†	- 1.70	2.16
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	268.80	286.00†	- 0.66	1.20
-do- Accum	330.70	351.90†	+ 0.80	1.20
Select Opps Inc	81.42	87.09	- 0.55	1.98
Income Plus Inc	79.17	84.23	- 0.30	7.14
European Inc	422.00	449.00	+ 1.10	0.54
-do- Accum	481.30	512.20	+ 1.30	0.54
Far Eastern Inc	183.50	195.30	- 1.10	0.94
-do- Accum	211.60	225.20	- 1.10	0.34
Japanese Inc	62.72	67.79	- 0.24	
Nth American Inc	215.70	214.60	- 0.42	0.29
-do- Accum	326.90	347.80	0.50	0.29
Intl Growth Inc	226.00	241.10†	- 0.10	0.30
Wwide Venture Inc	92.66	98.59	+ 0.20	0.32
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	427.10	455.50	- 5.00	2.48
-do- Accum	647.70	690.80	- 8.40	2.48
UK High Inc	202.40	215.90	- 2.30	2.96
-do- Accum	308.70	329.20	- 3.30	2.96
Europe Inc	453.60	483.70	+ 10.30	0.14
Nth Amer Inc	298.90	318.80	- 1.30	
Global Inc	255.10	272.00	- 2.50	0.27
Global Acc	274.80	293.00	- 2.70	0.27
UK Spec Sits Inc	123.80	132.00	- 1.50	1.97
South East Asia	242.50	258.60	- 2.10	1.47
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60		5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	123.20	131.40	- 0.70	1.65
-do- Accum	128.30	136.80	- 0.80	1.65
Intl Bond Inc	94.90	100.70		5.79
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	155.80	164.00†	- 0.60	0.73
Nth American	130.20	137.00†	- 1.00	
Intl Bond & Cons	127.50	134.20	+ 0.16	6.65
Pooled Pension (£)	225.30	242.30†		1.97
Smaller Cos	112.60	118.70	+ 0.10	0.62
UK General #	155.20	163.40	+ 0.50	2.21
Far Eastern	100.60	105.90	- 0.50	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	117.71		- 0.52	..
Aztec ‡	68.03		- 0.89	
European ‡	163.95		- 0.80	
Global Bond ‡	90.95			9.22
Investment Trust ‡	112.28		- 0.10	0.99
Preferred Income ‡	106.44	†	- 0.11	4.92
Samurai ‡	59.77		+ 0.02	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.36	†	- 0.01	4.70
UK Growth ‡	106.61		- 0.41	2.44
Tai Pan ‡	104.66		- 0.45	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	112.37		- 0.19	2.37
UK Equity Inc ‡	108.80	†	+ 0.93	4.29
Glob Gwth PEP	74.39	79.77	+ 0.02	1.21
Pref Inc PEP #	99.12	105.20†		5.71
Inv Trust PEP	55.31	58.84	- 0.12	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	434.40	459.50	- 7.00	0.02
Capital	141.00	150.60	- 3.30	1.31
Cash	101.55	101.55	+ 0.02	5.24
European	155.10	164.10	- 3.40	0.45
Far Eastern	161.80	171.20	- 1.40	
Growth	153.90	162.80†	- 2.80	1.12
Income #	132.50	140.20	- 1.40	5.13
Magnum	143.80	160.00†	- 2.40	1.35
Smith Sacs	524.80	566.30	- 5.40	0.49
Thoroughbred	174.90	187.10†	2.90	1.21
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cntrld Prfmnce	57.09	61.05	- 0.08	[illegible]
Ethical	91.82	97.50	- 0.16	[illegible]
European Growth	80.39	85.96†	+ 0.48	1.16
Income	59.49	62.62	+ 0.59	3.92
Intl Growth	111.30	118.30	+ 0.40	1.27
Managed	91.53	97.52†	+ 0.44	2.05
UK Growth	75.50	80.74	- 0.26	1.86
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	44.97	45.20	0.60	1.59
Global Advtg Acc	48.72	48.97	- 0.50	1.59
Income Advtg Inc	33.83	34.00†	- 0.40	3.41
Income Advtg Acc	39.28	39.48	- 0.50	3.41
UK Equity Gth Acc	93.72	99.35	- 0.50	1.21
Premier Inc Inc	48.56	51.11†	+ 0.10	7.36
Premier Inc Acc	51.29	53.99	+ 0.10	7.36
Managed Acc	59.68	63.27	- 0.80	1.46
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.85	41.19	- 0.40	4.15
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	50.87	53.93	- 0.60	4.15
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	73.59	78.19	- 0.89	2.26
UK Equity Gen Inc	53.18	56.51	- 0.60	2.26
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.70	33.53	+ 0.10	6.66
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	365.10	385.30	- 5.30	1.38
Nth American Acc	54.34	57.74	- 0.40	
Pacific Basin	45.13	47.96	- 0.80	0.50
European Acc	58.33	61.99	- 1.40	0.64
Japan Acc	27.31	29.02	- 0.60	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global 4 (NZ$)	4.372	4.644		1.94
US Eqts (US$)	3.095	3.287		0.76
Far East Eqts (yen)	272.70	289.70		
FT Europe	148.20	157.40		0.68
FT N Amer (US$)	2.332	2.477		0.28
FT Japan (yen)	236.00	251.10		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.783	2.965		0.56
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	489.90	519.10	- 2.70	
British #	1261.10	1323.70	- 1.70	2.06
Emrgng Mkts	161.60	172.10	1.10	0.15
Euro Small Co	65.61	69.69	0.38	0.09
Japan	139.80	148.40		
New Pacific	434.80	463.10†	- 1.50	1.04
-do- Accum	467.80	498.30	- 1.60	1.04
Inv Trust Acc	295.30	310.90	- 0.34	0.88
Mngd Equity	199.60	211.20†	- 0.10	1.58
Mngd Cash	95.63	95.63	+ 0.01	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1026.00	1097.00	+ 7.00	1.61
North America	184.10	196.30	- 1.40	
Far East	170.40	182.20	+ 0.50	0.13
Wwide Bond	60.32	64.07	+ 0.06	4.88
European	131.80	141.00	+ 0.30	0.98
Equity Income #	101.10	108.10†	+ 0.40	4.22
Portfolio	105.90	113.30	+ 0.10	1.52
UK Leading Cos	72.79	77.64†	+ 0.37	2.17
High Inc Bond	50.44	50.44	- 0.15	6.[illegible]
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	75.73	80.99†	- 1.00	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	23.49	24.99†	- 0.05	0.58
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.45	101.55	- 0.11	7.34
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	96.67	102.85†	+ 0.12	7.34
European	47.31	50.34†	- 0.02	0.38
High Income	34.23	36.42	+ 0.09	4.15
Japan	35.68	37.96†	+ 0.09	0.01
Managed Assets	138.13	147.74†	+ 0.30	2.60
North American	41.56	44.26†	- 0.16	0.61
Smlr Co's Inc	36.19	38.50	- 0.09	1.91
Smlr Co's Acc	39.42	41.94†	- 0.10	1.91
UK Growth Inc	60.96	64.86†	+ 0.22	2.91
UK Growth Acc	68.69	73.08†	+ 0.25	2.91
UK Income	42.92	45.91†	+ 0.19	3.69
Worldwide Grth	40.09	42.88	- 0.07	0.03
Confederation				
Asian & Oceanic E	32.27	33.27	- 0.15	1.68
European Exempt	96.10	99.08	+ 0.22	1.70
Japan Exempt	29.86	30.79	+ 0.10	0.09
US Exempt	90.19	92.98	- 0.45	1.43
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	56.90	60.53	0.75	
Cap Protector Inc	46.03	48.97	+ 0.16	2.79
UK Income Inc	56.65	60.27	+ 0.21	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.50	36.62†	+ 0.09	6.67
Mngd High Yld Inc	85.55	91.01	+ 0.22	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	82.17	87.41	+ 0.48	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	39.75	42.29	- 0.02	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	50.68	53.91	- 1.26	0.71
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	283.55	300.05	- 1.68	
-do- Accum	312.31	330.49	- 1.85	
Brit Growth	113.45	120.06	+ 0.38	2.02
-do- Accum	139.87	149.01	+ 0.47	2.02
European	125.96	133.29	+ 0.39	
-do- Accum	134.06	141.86	+ 0.41	
Extra Income	199.04	210.62	+ 1.01	4.19
-do- Accum	355.56	376.25	+ 1.80	4.19
Smaller Cos	88.32	93.46	0.12	0.64
-do- Accum	100.47	106.63	0.13	0.64
General	334.54	354.01†	+ 1.35	2.25
-do- Accum	715.03	756.64†	+ 2.63	2.25
Preimus Income	50.42	52.52†	+ 0.03	6.75
-do- Accum	125.23	130.45†	+ 0.12	6.75
Income	353.71	374.39†	+ 1.68	3.63
-do- Accum	818.40	866.04†	+ 3.91	3.63
Pacific	435.51	477.08†	- 1.21	
-do- Accum	454.46	480.91†	- 1.21	
International	621.82	661.19	- 0.13	
-do- Accum	823.79	871.71	- 0.18	
Nat Resources	191.27	202.41	- 0.71	
Select Cops	123.58	130.77	- 0.17	1.34
-do- Accum	161.16	170.54	- 0.18	1.34
Environmental Inc	75.79	80.20	+ 0.20	1.79
Selector	71.29	75.44	+ 0.14	1.73
-do- Accum	82.44	87.24	+ 0.17	1.73
High Income	65.44	69.25†	+ 0.31	4.65
-do- Accum	86.05	91.11	+ 0.42	4.65
Intl Income	63.37	66.95	+ 0.10	3.99
-do- Accum	87.50	91.50	+ 0.14	3.99
Selector Income	64.33	68.07	+ 0.22	4.32
-do- Accum	80.10	84.75	+ 0.29	4.32
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	188.90	200.37	- 1.51	2.04
European	71.94	76.25	+ 0.28	1.25
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	227.69	243.52†	0.04	1.28
Glob Balncd Inc	191.41	204.72	+ 0.23	2.41
Value Tst Inc	137.54	147.10†	+ 0.23	2.09
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	45.13	46.92	- 0.07	5.60
European Growth	105.55	551.56	+ 1.52	1.00
Exempt	628.73	657.47†	- 1.43	3.50
Global Emg Mkts	84.12	89.08	- 0.94	0.50
Japan Tst	79.00	82.72	+ 0.43	
Little Dragons	97.42	102.42	- 0.36	
Nth Amer Gwth	275.47	288.45	+ 0.12	0.50
Oriental Income #	47.74	49.98	- 0.11	3.70
Preference	129.41	135.56	+ 0.07	2.60
Tiger	297.50	311.51	- 1.72	
UK Blue Chip	72.18	75.58	- 0.30	2.00
UK Growth	627.16	656.77	+ 1.11	1.00
UK High Yield #	107.49	112.55†	+ 0.39	6.10
UK Mid-Cap	311.95	326.67	0.39	1.80
UK Smlr Cos	129.76	134.19	0.26	0.80
UK Smlr Co. Div #	91.19	95.52†	0.23	5.90
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	109.90	116.83	+ 0.57	5.37
UK Equity Growth	97.58	103.92	+ 0.59	3.10
European	76.48	81.04	+ 0.27	1.42
Nth American	86.13	91.63	- 0.66	0.74
Far Eastern	75.69	81.55	+ 0.09	0.92
Money	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.6
Fixed Interest #	78.64	81.66	- 0.04	7.63
Index Linked Gilt	70.57	75.01	- 0.02	1.41
VIRGIN DIRECT PPS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	205.91	150.97	0.09	1.51
UK Index Tracking	172.33	175.99	+ 0.54	2.51
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	33.42	34.33	0.35	
Pacific Basin	44.56	46.90	- 0.78	
Global Bond (US$)	0.8928	0.9300	+ 0.0001	
Penny Share	45.40	47.72	0.75	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	95.01	97.90	- 0.24	2.96
Short Dtd Gilt	123.60	125.72		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7453	0.7854	- 0.0001	
Gilt Income	51.55	53.68†	- 0.01	4.09
Gilt Growth	76.56	79.67		
Sterling Bond	49.21	51.02	0.01	[illegible]
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	54.44	57.86	- 0.18	1.05
UK Growth	96.47	102.67	- 0.70	1.76
Corporate Bond	46.75	49.31		[illegible]

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend ‡ Middle price .. No significant data # Periodic Charge deducted from capital ☺ Exit Charge

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Shares close near the day's highs

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
536	419	**Allied Domecq**	477	-3	6.9	16.2
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	596	-2	2.8	
131	96	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	21.8
775	615	Glenmorangie 'A'	765		2.0	13.6
464	411	**Grand Met**	426	-2	4.5	18.1
493	435	**Guinness**	465	-2	4.0	15.2
373	315	Highland Dist	372		2.7	17.4
195	150	Macallan-Glen	153		1.2	31.4
803	656	Matthew Clark	680	-2	4.3	29.1
141	93	Marsden Wt	127		4.6	
2613½	1706½	SA Breweries	1793½	-21½	2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3619½	2741½	ABN-AMRO	3228½	+71½	4.5	11.0
603	529	**Abbey Natl**	549	-9	5.0	13.6
385	315	Allied Irish	334	-4	4.2	9.7
356	285	Arc New Z	315	-3	5.9	7.7
5243½	3843½	Bank America	5012½	-18½		
316	226	**Bank Scotland**	292½	-½	2.7	9.8
819	682	**Barclays**	801	+3	4.1	10.5
496	413	Bk of Ireland	430	-5	4.4	
487	379	Cater Allen	418		3.0	12.4
5406½	4031½	Citicorp	5175	-62½		
397	319	Close Bros	330		3.4	14.6
£157½	£131½	Commerzbk	£146½	+152	3.6	
1750	1065½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1071½	-6½	0.5	
3413½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3368½	-71½	2.4	
803½	583½	Espirito Santo	753½		4.7	10.2
1507	1239	Fuji Bank Y	1241½	-3	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	339		8.5	10.7
255	196	Hambros	215		4.4	
1125	931	**HSBC**	1058	-5	3.9	11.3
1099	930	HSBC HK	1033	+6½	3.9	11.0
421	385	Irish Perm	403		3.2	11.9
177	143	King Shaxson	150		7.5	12.0
455	415	Leopold J	418		6.5	14.6
347½	294½	**Lloyds TSB**	340½	-12	2.9	15.0
640	566	Nat Aust Bk	594	+7	5.3	7.6
711	605½	**Nat West**	622	-3	5.1	8.7
66	50	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.9
596	468½	**Ryl Bk Scot**	482	-5	4.4	10.6
1380	1165	**Schroders**	1239	-2	1.6	17.3
1128	890	Schroders N/V	983	-2	2.0	13.7
132	99½	Singer & Fried	107		4.7	8.9
673	547	**Stand Chart**	670	-2	2.1	14.6
105	85½	Union	95		3.9	
£174½	£131½	Wells Fargo	£143½	-12½	2.3	
329½	264	Westpac	276	-3½	5.1	
360	268	Woolwich	358		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Aberdn SA Hd	38			32
357	263	Ascot Hldgs	334	-2½		
839	702	**Bass**	782	-1½	3.7	16.8
70	40	Brit Inc the Bdr	40		5.2	19.5
177	161	Burtonwood Brwr	166		4.1	
[illegible]	92	City Centre Rest	113½	+½	2.6	21.4
[illegible]	463	Compass Grp	556	+5	1.9	[illegible]
265	190	Eldridge P 'A'	251		2.4	23.1
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	530		2.2	18.1
636	546	Greenalls Grp	554		3.3	15.0
671	567½	Greene King	564	-2	3.3	
285	224	Grosvenor Inns	231	-3	3.0	24.6
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	256		1.4	22.9
357	299	Hardy Hansnl	309		4.1	11.5
3475	3050	Holt J	3075		2.3	16.2
77	45	Inn Business	63	-1	1.1	25.5
356	313	Mansfield	326		2.3	15.9
357½	275	Marston Thmpt	282		3.2	11.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	264	-1	4.1	15.4
18	14½	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
66	62	Radiant Metal	65			
68	53	Ransomes	57		1.1	13.8
83	55½	Record	67		6.7	12.6
324	231	Renold	289	+7	2.4	13.8
36	21	Richards Group	24		11.7	7.2
89	76	Richardson West	77		5.9	8.9
246	187	**Rolls-Royce**	224	+7½	2.9	20.8
258	171	Rotork	242	-2	2.8	22.1
192	160	Rubicon	181		4.2	
1569½	1187½	SKF 'B'	1403½		3.7	7.8
112	92½	Scoter Eng	97½		4.6	18.4
278	156	[illegible]	244		1.5	25.3
936	750	**Siebe**	920	+2	1.9	20.7
84	47	Simon Eng	54		1.5	12.1
301	150	Six Hundred	277		1.8	12.2
722	622	**Smiths Ind**	711	+12	2.6	21.1
779	593	Spirax-Sarco	770	+1	2.1	23.1
324	287	Sterling Inds	317	-1	3.4	17.0
562	456	**TI**	535	+4	2.9	20.7
124	92	[illegible]	124		6.0	
121	72	TransTec	113		2.4	24.5
180	140	Triplex Lloyd	165		5.3	9.9
161	137	Unicorn Ind	158		4.4	9.4
82½	71	Utd Inds	72		3.9	10.6
18	10½	[illegible]	16½			
302	241	Vickers	264	+1	3.2	17.2
14	9	Wilms Grp	9½	+½		17.6
770	656	[illegible]	687		2.0	12.8
882	750	Vosper Thornyct	752	+1	3.9	13.0
436	320	Wagon Ind	320		8.0	8.5
271	212	Weir	223		4.2	13.4
275	228	Wellington Hdg	266		3.5	17.5
59	42	Wellman	56½	+½	3.7	10.4
436	363	Whatman	407		3.6	17.3
122	73	Widney	77		5.8	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	124		7.9	35.4
295	265	Airflow Stream	268		4.2	7.2
677	473	Avon Rubber	658		3.4	16.1
92	57½	BSG	85½		4.7	15.7
353	273	Britax	325	+7	2.5	14.3
29	16	Boustead	17	+1	7.6	
307	175	ERF	283		2.0	
518	431	First Tech	517		2.1	
1044	776	**GKN**	1020	+10	2.9	18.6
3800	2850	General Mtr	2850	-137½	3.5	
669	497	Henlys	621		2.4	18.2
1758½	1312½	Honda Motor	1501½	+24½	0.6	
502	386	Laird	458		3.3	13.2
465	425	Lookers	465		0.3	
256	172	**Lucas**	213	+1	4.1	28.5
130½	91	Mayflower	103	+1	2.4	40.8
193	145	Syltone	185	+2	3.9	
187	127	T & N	129		5.8	8.2
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	355		2.9	17.3

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77½	67	Brazilian	72	-½	2.2	
291	258	Brunner	262½		2.8	41.3
132	113	BZW Conv	118	+1	8.3	14.8
523	468	Candover	489	+5	3.4	29.4
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	61½		0.9	
223	177	Contl Assets	218		1.7	
75	67	Dartmoor Inv Inc	67½		16.5	
390	325	Derby Cap	343	+3		
160	141	Derby Inc	149	+4	9.0	7.7
744	654	Dunedin Inc G	670½	+7½	5.1	23.4
98	80	Dunedin Japan	81	+½		
372	314	Dunedin Smllr	333	+1	3.3	43.8
34	16	Dunedin Wts	19½			
885	789	Dunedin Wwide	795	+6	1.5	68.4
115½	91½	Edin Dragon	92½	+½		
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	28	-½		
345	312½	Edinburgh	319½	+2	3.9	27.7
177	148	EFM Japan	148½	+1		
410	362	Electra Inv	392	+4	2.5	62.6
254	222	Electric Gen	235		1.8	82.4
158	138	English Scot	141½	+½		
406	332	European Assets	392	-½	1.6	57.6
97	90	Fidelity Asian Val	90			
220	193	Fidelity Euro Val	217		0.3	
85½	71½	Fidelity Jap Val	75½	+1	0.2	
131	102	Fidelity Spec Val	121		0.5	
191	171½	Finsbury 'A'	191	+1	2.5	
200½	174½	[illegible]	185		1.7	52.4
43½	27½	[illegible] Wts	31½			
360	273	Fleming Amer	317	+6	1.0	79.5
129	100	Fleming Cap	101			
69½	54	Fleming Chinese	56½	+1½	1.1	86.2
44	22	Fleming Ch Wts	22			
283	250	Fleming Claver	255		3.0	32.1
388	343	Fleming Contl	377		1.3	
160	130	Fleming Em Mkts	130			
273	234	Fleming Entp	234	-1	2.8	43.6
388	321	Fleming F East	321½	-½	0.5	
464	355	Fleming Fledg	440		0.9	
107	95	Fleming Hi Inc	98		6.0	18.8
107	100½	Fleming Income	105		11.3	11.1
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	54½			
41	24½	Fleming In Wts	24½			
43	37½	Fleming Intl	37½	-½	13.3	
290	246	Fleming Japan	252	+3½		
345½	286	Fleming Mercr	305½	+2½	3.2	32.5
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	105		0.6	
366	317	Fleming Oseas	329½	+3½	1.7	
143	126	Fleming Smlr Co	132½	-1½	4.1	28.5
42	29	Fleming Smlr Wt	33½	-1		
171	147	Foreign & Col	150½	+1	1.7	
113	90	F&C Inc Gwth	91	+1	4.7	26.7
118	89	F&C Eng Mkts	99½	+½		
108	85½	F&C Enterprise	106½	+½	1.4	65.5
305	257	F&C Eurotst	292	+½	0.5	
142	125	F&C German	133	+½	0.6	
207	180½	F&C Pacific	182½	+1	1.3	63.5

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31	15	Mercury Wld Wts	15½			
615	567	Monks Inv Tst	581	+4	2.1	44.5
178½	151	Morg Gren Inc	156	+½	4.0	26.4
78½	53	Morg Wts	54½			
78½	57½	Morg Lat Amer	69½		0.5	
33	20	Morg Wts	24			
131	111	Murray Eur	123		2.5	45.5
24	17	Murray Em Wts	17			
95	82	Murray Emg Eco	83½		1.4	75.5
39½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½			
67	54	Murray Eco	63½		0.7	
392	338	Murray Income	344	+2	4.9	
429	377	Murray Intl	394½	+2½	4.0	29.9
191½	180	Murray S/C OP	191½			
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	137	+1		
73	66	Murray S/C Inc	68		20.9	6.0
3150	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3080		0.5	
511	434	Murray Small	457	-2	1.6	
380	356	Murray Vent	371		4.1	30.4
9	7	Newmarket	9			
59	50	[illegible]	51		12.0	9.3
70	58	[illegible]	63			
415	363	O'seas Inv Tst	372	+5	1.2	
278	167	O'seas Wts	170	+2		
147	121½	Pacific Assets	122½	+1	0.4	
93½	79½	Perpetual Jap	81½	+½		
363	287	Perpt UK Sm Co	332		0.9	70.1
£126½	£111½	Personal Assets	£123		2.2	42.4
125	103	Pilot Inv	109½	+½	2.3	44.7
127	109	Prolific Inc	118½		4.9	27.5
249	210	RIT Cap Ptnr	229½	+½	0.9	
500	450	Robeco	487		2.9	
542	475	Rolinco	512		1.5	
120½	101½	Schrd Asia Pac	103½	+1½		
122	110	Schrod Inc Gwth	111		4.5	
95	78½	Schrod Jap Gwth	82½	+1½		
827½	754½	Schrod Korea	754½	-1½		
362	281	Schrod Medium	356		0.7	
23½	19½	Schrod Split Cap	19½			
103	92	Schrod Split Inc	100		10.2	11.7
133½	128½	Schrod Split Zero	133½			
136	117	Schrod UK Gwth	125½	+1½	3.0	34.2
196	183	Schrod Vent Intl	183			
281	254	Scot	262	+2	2.8	45.4
177½	159	Scot American	167	-1	3.9	29.6
358	290	Scot Asset	294	+4		
1085	773	Scot Wts	780	-10		
106	92½	Scot Eastern	95½	+1½	2.3	49.8
278	253	Scot Mtge	260½	+1½	2.2	43.9
95	88	Scot Natl Tst	90½		11.4	11.3
121	105½	Scot Value	106½	-1½	2.3	50.0
2011	1823	Second Allnce	1871	+6	3.1	38.8
98½	88	Secs Tst of Scot	91		5.0	24.3
147	130	Shires Smlr	131	-1	5.4	20.8
378	345	St Andrew Inv	355		3.2	38.3
388	329½	Temple Bar	340	+4	5.5	20.7

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93	75	City of Lon PR	81		7.6	11.8
138	90	Cordiant	113			
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1471½		1.5	35.8
1668½	1168½	Daily Mail 'A'	1321½		1.7	32.2
646	495	Dorling Kind	512½	-5½	1.9	36.3
725	530	EMAP	695	+5	2.0	29.4
1091	845½	Elsevier	953½	+11½	2.4	23.2
1338	1030	Euromoney Pb	1300		4.2	24.8
43½	19	Fitch	39½			14.1
535	448	Flextech	479			
251	198	GGT Group	221	-1	3.3	
259½	174	GWR Grp	206	-2	1.4	31.5
250	200	[illegible] Group	230		2.4	15.1
35	18	Goodhead	30		0.4	
274	217	Grampian	273	+2	2.5	23.6
401	284	HTV Group	344	+6	1.4	33.2
328	277½	Haynes Pub	298		4.2	14.5
27	17	Highbury Hse	20			
260	198	Hodder H'line	193		4.1	15.2
166	145	Home Counts	145		4.7	12.9
334	273	IBC	302		3.3	12.0
22½	10½	Incepta	21			59.3
325½	232	Independent	298		2.3	35.3
110	98	Interurope	98		8.7	18.9
207½	134½	Johnston Press▲	174		1.6	22.1
24	13	Lopex	17½		3.6	9.0
343	142	MAID	270	+11		
329	220	Maiden	291	-5	2.1	
71	56	[illegible]	63	-4	2.1	
1000	647	Metal Bulletin	968	+10	2.1	34.3
155	108	Midland Ind	115	+2	3.8	14.9
261	175	Mirror Gp	188	+1	2.7	13.2
625	455	More O'Ferrall	619		2.8	18.8
393	308	News Corp	317	+4	0.5	8.8
419	293	News Intl	334	-1	1.2	13.2
42	20	Osprey Comms	33			
744	618	**Pearson**	620	-1	3.3	21.5
205	143	[illegible]	145	+1		
740	575	Portsmth Sundt	665		2.4	13.8
316	249	Quarto	301	-3	3.0	12.1
1220	980	**Reed Intl**	1066		2.9	
814	586	**Reuters**	686	-17	1.9	24.3
402	296	Scott Radio	364	-4	2.4	22.8
741	468	Scot TV	638	+7	3.2	21.3
57½	36	Shandwick	48½	-1	3.4	6.5
58	20	Sleepy Kids	25	-1	0.5	9.3
374	267	[illegible]	349		2.1	22.7
30	23	Sterling Pub	27	+2		
49½	35	Taylor Nelson	45½		1.9	23.4
575	410	Telegraph	588		2.9	41.5
175	113	Televison Cp	147		2.1	22.1
1103	865	Thomson Corp	1040	-20	4.3	21.8
1873	1589	**Thorn EMI**	1695	-19	3.0	34.7
459	342	Trinity Intl	377	-1	3.5	17.6
278	209	Ulster TV	229	-4	2.7	21.1
756	565	**United News**	633	+3	4.5	23.9
140	105	VTR	105		5.4	10.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1233	1075	Henderson Ad	1115		5.0	18.6
286	217	Invesco	219½	+2½	2.6	14.8
48	41	Investment Co	45½		6.1	14.2
278	228	Ivory Sime	271	+1	3.8	
233½	183½	Jardine Strat	189½	+6	4.9	
160	98	Johnson Fry	128	+1	3.9	6.2
387	329	Liberty Intl	353		5.1	20.1
285	218	Lon Forfaiting	267		4.8	13.9
267	216	London Pacific	229	-2	6.1	20.5
117	87½	Lon Scot Bkt	102		3.2	19.2
186	138	Man ED & F	170		7.7	7.8
1364	1098	M & G	1110		3.8	20.6
933	841	MAM	906	-11	4.8	
109	94	Nat Home Loans	97		1.3	4.3
2575	1830	Perpetual	2133	-2	2.8	18.9
436	335	Provident	415	+8	4.2	16.6
336	310	Rathbone Bros	312		4.0	14.6
58½	37½	Rutland Tst	51		2.9	18.6
78	42	SEC Group	74		7.2	14.5
457	390	S & U	388	-1	5.2	10.3
134	100	SJP Capital	111	+2	3.7	7.5
607	499½	[illegible]	549½	+1½	2.2	21.7
57	33	Towry Law	39		3.2	
9	5	Trio Hldgs	5½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3530½	1627	Brit Biotech	2002	+33		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	653			
693	473½	Celltech	509			
588	224	Chiroscience	324	+11		
447	166	Cortecs	260			
969	767	**Glaxo Wellcome**	898	+14	4.2	18.2
286	208	Medeva	247	+2	2.2	13.5
249	198	Peptide Thera	203			
808	524	Scotia	718	+13		
286	183	Shire Pharms	241	+1		
96	69	SkyePharma	72	+1		
727½	628½	**SmithKline**	691	+½	2.6	24.7
633	490	Vanguard	493			
1474	1216	**Zeneca**	1390	-1	2.8	22.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156	130	AG Holdings	156		4.6	13.1
685	547	API	685		2.0	22.1
140	91	App Holo	118			
212	164	Arjo Wiggins	173½	+1½	5.4	35.0
295	190	Aspen Comms	191		4.1	11.0
397	329	Bemrose	340		5.3	10.2
173	138	Blagden	167		1.2	26.7
2725	2062½	Bowater Inc	2062½	-59½		
315	209½	[illegible]	269		1.2	23.6
770	645	Br Polythene	723		2.9	15.3
32	16	Br Thornton	29			
162	133	[illegible]	134		2.8	12.2
243	191	Bunzl	222	-1	3.3	14.4
210	173	Capital Inds	178		3.7	11.6
337	279	Cropper (James)	322	+4	1.5	25.4
755	579	De La Rue	605	+6	4.9	14.2
95	73	[illegible]	75		3.3	12.0
172	131	[illegible]	165		3.9	17.9
103	86	Fairway Group	101		4.8	17.3
267	190	Ferguson Intl	230		7.2	12.2
275	160	Filofax	160	-5	2.7	9.9

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	258	Lloyds Chem	478	+1	2.7	18.3
188½	149½	MFI	181	-3	3.1	
495½	416½	**Marks Spencer**	494	+3½	2.9	19.9
635	525	Menzies (John)	550		3.2	13.5
21	15½	Merchant Retail	19½	+½		
1305	615	Moss Bros	1220	-5	1.8	27.7
596	420	**Next**	530	+3½	2.8	25.8
63	40½	Oliver (G)	41			
535	400	[illegible]	482		3.2	
80	66	Partridge Fine	75		4.9	12.4
56	32	QS Hldgs	39		5.0	
251	191	[illegible]	248		2.9	20.1
105	92	Sears	99½	+2½	5.0	
34	14½	Signet Group	25½	+1		
506	399	Smith WH	480	+9	4.1	27.9
1010	820	Sotheby's	898	-5	1.7	24.0
362	279½	Storehouse	286	+2½	3.1	16.3
120	90	Stylo	116		5.2	17.3
231	181	T & S Stores	201	+1	4.4	11.9
171	159	Tie Rack	160	+½	2.1	16.0
3½	2½	Upton & South	3½	-½		
664	542	Vendome	588	-2	2.2	
29½	12	WEW Group	26		1.7	
141	66	Wickes	68		1.8	
94	52	Wld of Leather	83		2.4	
222	198	Wyevale	200		3.3	17.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	883	ADT	1139			
135	92	Alpha Airpts	94	+½	6.6	10.2
38	27	Alphameric	28			
45	25	Auto Sec	37½			
241	173	BET Ord	229		2.3	22.9
190	129	BNB Res	177		4.5	10.5
400	283	BPP	383		3.7	19.6
186	155	BSM	185		4.7	13.3
1950	1015	BTG	1725	+50	0.3	
1350	400	Borland	437½			
107	89	Br Bloodstock	93		2.9	
164	123	Brit Data Mgt	159		4.2	23.0
105	80	Brooks Service	102		3.7	17.4
488	373	Business Post	460	+13	2.4	26.5
685	329	CMG	610	+17	0.9	39.0
165	111½	CRT Gp	152		3.2	23.4
958½	187	Card Gp	377			
380	285	Capita Group	344		1.4	29.3
37	12½	Cardinal Bus	14			
10½	6	Chemex	8		2.3	13.9
386	317	Chubb Sect	338	+3	3.1	
182	92	Corp Services	166	+1	2.6	16.6
56	46	Coutts Cnslg	53		4.7	21.7
158	73	DCS Gp	155	+10	1.2	24.3
266	214	Davis Service	265		4.4	14.1
558	367	Delphi	520		1.1	20.4
145	98	Dudley Jenkins	144		3.2	19.4
79	38	EW Fact	64		1.5	12.7
116	78	El Data Prct	79		3.4	11.4
419	245	FI Group	370	-4	1.4	
468	352	Hays	414	-26	2.2	20.3
288	210	Hogg Robinson	282		3.9	13.9
2028½	1112½	ISS B DKr	1543½	-6½	1.6	10.4
542	360	JBA Hldgs	515		1.0	31.8
311	256	Johnson Clean	299	+1	4.7	13.6
149	103	Kalamazoo	130	-1	4.0	
500	361	Kewill Syst	430	+2	2.3	12.8
347	113	LBMS	118	+5		
41	13	Laser-Scan	25	-2		12.0
127	90	Leigh	115		4.4	
652	452	[illegible]	630		1.3	36.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
157	127	H Govett Str	143½		2.0	60.9
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	102½	+1		
16	9	IBS Em	12			
147	114	IBS UK Smllr	138	+1	2.8	31.6
148	129	Inv Cap	134½	+½	4.9	23.9
157	101	Int Biotech	113		1.1	
70	31	Int Wts	37	+1		
115	95	Intl C	97			
114	93½	INVESCO Asia	95	+1½	0.8	
65	44	INVESCO Bios	44		23.8	4.5
181	135	INVESCO Eng Intl	164		0.8	56.3
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	84	+½	0.4	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
240	195	Capital Corpn	217	-2	4.7	25.0
86	50	Chrysalis	83		2.4	17.1
8½	5½	Clubhaus	7			13.0
251	163	Eurocamp	168	+4	8.2	8.1
208	139	Euro Disney	161	+11		
183	148	Euro Leisure	166			4.6
19	13	Famingford	13½			
86	49½	First Choice	56	+2	8.8	
400	345	First Leisure	349	+4	2.9	20.1
190	142	Friendly Hotels	163		4.4	21.7
879	619	**Granada**	785	-4	1.9	19.0
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	38			16.3

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	108	INVESCO Korea	110	+1½		
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	53	+½		
95½	69	J Fry 2nd U	70		12.3	8.7
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74		7.5	13.5
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	242	+1½		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	77		12.7	8.4
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncWt	6			
83	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	74		13.4	9.2
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Gen	118		4.0	
282	252	Kleinwort Chtr	269½	+½	2.6	47.6
130	113	Kleinwort E Mkt	113			
154	133	Kleinwort End	147			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
207	148	Headlam?	205	+3	2.7	
553	423	Hozelock	486		2.3	17.8
292	201	Jarvis Hotels	260	+½	3.1	
31½	23½	Kunick	25½		3.2	21.7
207	143	**Ladbroke**	189	+1½	4.0	29.4
573	425	London Clubs	535	+1	3.6	17.8
489	188	Man Utd	429	+1	1.4	13.9
95½	77½	Mandarin Orntl	85½	-½	4.1	16.6
345	278	Millennium & Cop	307	-2	1.9	
142	89	Northern	126		4.0	14.3
146	114	Pelsm Leisure	143		5.0	
38	29	Queensborough	31			
32	11½	Queens Moat	18	+½		5.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
144	114	M Currie Eastn	137		0.7	
112	98½	M Currie Japan	100	+1½		
167	143	M Currie Pac	152½	+1½	0.7	
242	222	Majedie	223		3.5	34.3
290	235	Merchants	247½	+3	8.6	20.5
102	91	Mercury Euro Pr	97	-½	2.4	37.4
32	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	27½	-½		
110	92	Mercury World	96	+½	1.3	72.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
318	248	Border TV	268	-1	2.7	
410	356	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
499	376	BSkyB	498	+7	1.3	46.1
188	133	CIA Gp	166		1.0	22.1
27	16½	Caledonian Med	25	+½		
734	593	Capital Radio	612	+2	2.2	23.1
534	379½	Carlton Comm	453	+2	2.8	15.9
558	363	Chrysalis	496		0.7	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	151	Brown Dolphin	193		4.5	13.5
805	700	Caledonia	748		3.0	34.2
2500	1700	Camellia	2425	+25	1.7	20.2
276	213	Cattles	233½		3.7	18.8
42	18	Christie	38			
147	90	EFT Group	115		2.3	13.7
725	636	EFM	640½		4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	86		13.1	10.4

BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
219	215	Treas 2% 1996	219		0.91	5.54
103	101	Conv 10% 1996	101		9.87	5.71
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.92	5.83
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1997	103	-	12.79	5.77
104	102	Exch 10½% 1997	102		10.23	5.73
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	103		8.50	5.91
114	110	Exch 15% 1997	110		13.54	5.97
108	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	105		9.29	6.17
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.14	6.36
101	99	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.72	6.49
118	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	113		12.39	6.35
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	118		13.12	6.43
114	111	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.77	6.61
108	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106		8.94	6.65
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.82	6.76
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109	-	9.61	6.80
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	97	-	6.14	6.82
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	-	9.36	6.96
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.49	7.06
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	-	7.76	7.16
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	119	-	10.85	7.17
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.06	7.27
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	95	Treas 7% 2001	98	-	7.11	7.34
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.80	7.50
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	102	-	7.83	7.57
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.87	7.63
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	-	9.94	7.41
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.34	6.62
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	110	-	8.62	7.77
95	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	-	7.21	7.77
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	104	-	8.15	7.82
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.62	7.83
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.92	7.75
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	97	-	7.72	7.89
103	95	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	-	7.86	7.92
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	7.86	7.90
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.76	7.89
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	103	-	8.20	7.96
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	-	10.18	7.76
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	107	-	8.37	8.00
104	96	Treas 8% 2009	99	-	8.06	8.04
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	-	7.43	8.12
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	107	-	8.38	8.11
112	104	Treas 9% 2012	107	-	8.38	8.15
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	-	7.05	7.91
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	98	-	8.15	8.18
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95 †	-	8.12	8.19
107	96	Treas 8% 2015	98	-	8.18	8.18
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	-	8.33	8.22
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	-	8.97	8.27
99	95	Tr 8% 2021	97	-	8.08	8.19
UNDATED						
45½	41	War Ln 3½%	42	-	8.24	
32	29	Treas 2½%	30	-	8.28	
50	46	Consols 4%	47½ †	-	8.42	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	-	1.20	2.79
180	176	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180	-	2.88	3.54
176	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175	-	3.24	3.67
116	112	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	115		3.30	3.69
185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	183		3.41	3.70
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165		3.50	3.75
173	168	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170	+	3.55	3.77
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	3.59	3.78
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	+	3.63	3.81
146	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142	+	3.68	3.83
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118		3.67	3.81
120	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116		3.67	3.81

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
213	95	Cafe Inns	170		1.6	14.1
86	58	Country Gdns	85		2.0	16.4
1700	660	Dawson Hldgs	1650		2.4	14.5
188	45	Firecrest	62	+4		26.5
35½	14	Freepages	33	+½		
117	92	Megalomedia	92	-2		
475	45	Memory Corp	55	+3		
147	85½	Old English Pubs▲	118		1.1	51.6
445	380	Pet City	365			
595	524	Southern News	530	+5	3.8	13.9
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Ins	257	+7	1.0	30.2
75	46	Trocadero	71	-1		

Source: FT Information

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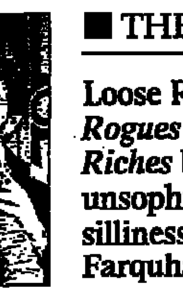
■ THEATRE 1

War, lechery and cynicism: *Troilus and Cressida* is given a bold new treatment by the RSC



■ THEATRE 2

Loose Restoration: *Rogues to Riches* brings unsophisticated silliness to a Farquhar comedy

THE TIMES ARTS

■ MUSIC

Mark Elder conducts the Proms premiere of Bax's *Spring Fire*, written over 80 years ago

■ TOMORROW

Gospel truth: the music of the Deep South is big business, and Kirk Franklin is the biggest name

THEATRE: The Bard in cynical mood; Farquhar with the sting removed; a mixed bag at a Polish drama festival

The love of war in a lust cause

Troilus and Cressida
RST, Stratford

The ravish'd Helen, Menelaus's queen, with wanton Paris sleeps — *"and that's the quarrel!"*, wails Richard McCabe's Thersites in his best believe-it-or-not voice at the opening of Ian Judge's production. A glance at the text confirms that the words actually belong to Prologue; but it would be ungrateful to complain of their hijacking when the speaker is in every sense giving the performance of the evening. With his pale, bloated face, lank hair and awful ingratiating smirk, his Thersites is part depraved clown, part gloating chorus and, when he assures us that all is war and lechery, very much the voice of Shakespeare's most cynically modern play.

Boldly, inventively, but with uneven success, Judge's revival seeks to suggest that war is a kind of lechery and lechery a sort of war. Homo-eroticism patently has its place among the Grecian tents and, when Philip Quast's Achilles wants to menace Louis Hilyer's hefty, sweaty Hector, he does so by slipping out of his gown and flashing his naked body at him. I have never seen so many jockstraps, rippling pectorals and rolling buttocks on a classical stage. At times the Trojan War might be the battle of the Chippendales.

I do not think that Will, even when in hot pursuit of Mr W. H., would altogether have approved. Where is the exhaustion, the dilapidation of a war that has, after all, been dragging on for seven enervating years? It is there in John Gunter's marvellous set, mainly a vast metal wall, a grey patchwork of rumpled tin and corrugated iron with bumps and rills and patches of red paint. It is there in Edward de Souza's *Agamemnon*, less Homer's "leader of men" than Lewis Carroll's flummoxed White Knight. But it eludes the hunks and heroes on show.

And if there is too much sensuality on the battlefield, there is too little in the bedroom. Both Joseph Fiennes's Troilus and Victoria Hamilton's Cressida try to emphasise their own immaturity and vulnerability and, hence, the fragility of their love. That is fine, up to a point.

But Fiennes introduces so much adolescent throb and romantic sob into his performance that you feel he is playing Romeo in his whingeing Rosaline period rather than the *Troilus* whom *Philip Voss's fine Ulysses calls* a true knight and second Hector, as "firm of word" as of deed.

Still, he has his vivid moments, as does that brilliantly precocious young actress, Victoria Hamilton. In Troy her Cressida is bright, pert, sweet, with a slight undertow of melancholy and, when she is wrested from Troilus and handed to the Greeks, she is clearly a shaken, disoriented girl. But is this enough to explain her sexual defection? Is Ulysses merely voicing 9th-century sexism when he says that "her wanton spirits look out at every joint and motive of her body"? Hamilton has the quick intelligence of the survivor, but nothing much is peering from her ankles and elbows, least of all wantonness.

Still, there are plenty of other characters to justify Shakespeare's scepticism about love, heroism and the whole damned thing. Clive Francis's Pandarus slithers and undulates about, looking as if he has wandered in from *The Mikado* but exuding sleaze with terrific relish.

Ray Fearon's Paris and Katia Caballero's Helen seem less a golden than a gilded couple, down to the weird glittering crewcut that *substitutes for his hair. They saunter onstage in* their bangles, proceed not only to pioneer French kissing but to rehearse a few holds from the *Kamasutra*, and depart as serenely as celebrities from a movie premiere in Beverly Hills. And it is for this pair that Greeks and Trojans are dying. There, as elsewhere, Judge has made the Bard's point for him.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER

Puppy love: Joseph Fiennes as Troilus and the "brilliantly precocious" Victoria Hamilton as Cressida — too much "adolescent throb and romantic sob" in their affair

Gloomy, but rarely dull

Kontakt Festival
Torun, Poland

Midway between Warsaw and Gdansk, protected by its red-brick walls on the far bank of the Vistula, the city of Torun has managed to survive wars, sieges, partitions and other horrors of the past five centuries with most of its ancient buildings intact. Copernicus was born here and gingerbread has been made for 200 years in the shop opposite the cathedral, to be carried away in bright orange bags by travellers and schoolchildren.

Since the change of regime in 1989, summer visitors have also been able to take away impressions of international theatre from the Kontakt Festival organised annually by Krystyna Meissner, director of the city's Wilam Horzyca Theatre. The quality of this year's 17 productions, mostly from the former Eastern bloc, proved as varied as the venues (theatres, sports halls, a converted church, a railway station), but there was no doubt in the minds of the international jury that the first prize should go to the Berlin Volksbühne's **Murx den Europäer**.

Christian Marthaler's "patriotic evening" came to London last year as part of the London International Festival of Theatre, where some critics dismissed it as the acme of boredom because the 11 characters appear to do little more than sit patiently at tables in a vast office where no work is ever done, bleakly speaking trivial thoughts and coming together only in the amazing moments of song.

Music is the narrator. Into the few moments of each song's duration — pop song, patriotic hymn, Schubert reverie — is compressed the pain of 40 years of wasted life. For these are citizens of the former East Germany, their hopes dashed, their state a failure of history. Marthaler is a German Swiss, and perhaps only someone with an outsider's viewpoint could have found, so soon after unification, a theatrical metaphor with such power to convey the experience of waiting for nothing.

Estonia's Tallinna Linnateater staged **Pianola**, quarried from Chekhov's first extant play, untitled but known in this country as *Platonov* or *Wild Honey*. Productions strong on text test our capacity to evaluate when the language is very foreign, but Elmo Nüganen's superbly acted production (he also played Platonov) introduced several intriguing ways of positioning an audience to the play.

The most obvious, but nonetheless unusual, was to rotate the theatre through 90 degrees during the interval and give the audience, which is on stage *with the actors, an altered* viewpoint. But during recent renovations at the Linnateater several forgotten rooms and passages were discovered behind the stage, and Nüganen decided to use them (and reproduce them in Torun) for his production.

During the after-show discussion, where on some nights the criticism is crisply uninhibited, he compared what he had created to "a black box with many camera eyes". A rare sense of a play's status as offering only a fragment of the life of its characters emerged from the glimpses we caught of meals, arguments and domestic activity occurring through doorways and under arches. Oh, and everything was set inside a mechanical piano — a pianola.

More vistas opened up in Piotr Fomienko's staging of Ola Mukhina's **Tania-Tania** for the Moskovskiy Tieatr, best described as a Gorkyish fantasy set in 1996. One of the three talented and beautiful actresses opened a door at the back of the stage and ran out into the busy square.

From further across Siberia came a Muslim version of the story of Joseph and his brothers, performed by a company from Tadzhikistan overfond of what Giles Havergal used to call "ears on stalks" acting. I preferred **In the Godforsaken Land** from even further east, the gulag territory of Yakutsk: a mesmerisingly slow account of survival at the lowest depths of existence.

For Krystian Lupa's Teatr Polski in Wroclaw (to which the audience was transported by coach) the vistas were already provided by the arches and platforms of a disused station in the heart of the city, converted by the company when its own theatre burnt down.

Here we were shown **Immanuel Kant**, a puzzler of a play by Thomas Bernhard, in which the philosopher is imagined crossing the Atlantic with his wife, servant and attentive parrot, in the company of a millionairess who wants to raise the *Titanic*.

Behind the main actors nameless others could be seen, dancing and squabbling in counterpoint, while beyond these, glimpsed through windows, tableaux representing (so I guess) Kant's fears whizzed past on floats. It was fascinating to look at but baffling for someone ignorant of Kant's thought and his possible fondness for caged birds. Everyone I spoke to, young or old, knew all about Kant and kept asking what British plays asked questions about how to live and how best to restore the equilibrium of the universe. *I did* not have any answers.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Not really naughty and much too nice

Rogues to Riches
Watermill, Newbury

Another Restoration comedy gets rough handling, rejigged as a musical. Three summers ago, Lust Circa 1661 crudely attempted to pump up Wycherley's *The Country Wife* for the West End. That was a sorry flop. Now, arriving from America, *Rogues to Riches* proves little better. Robert Sevra's book is very loosely based on Farquhar's sharp comedy *The Beaux' Stratagem*. Wendy Toye's production offers too much unsophisticated silliness jazzed up with loud colours and a mishmash of periwigs and 1950s quiffs.

The fundamental story survives. Aimwell and Archer (Robin Hart and Anthony Drewe), two roving gents who have squandered their fortunes on the pleasures of London, hole up in Lichfield. Incognito as master and servant, they make a beeline for the finest local skirts with purses attached.

Someone, however, has been messing with the plot. We now have a spacious masked ball and pointless escapade with highwaymen and ladies disguised as monks. Fragments of Farquhar's script survive but amid new chat that waters down his colourful language and wit. More irksomely, the songs, scored by Lynn Crigler, though tuneful and varied, are flashily sentimental compared to Farquhar's cynical spirit. We lose his radical "happy" ending where lovers danced to celebrate a divorce settlement.

Ah well, the company at least are cheery. They harmonise with aplomb and gusto, refreshingly accompanied only by a piano and cello. Peter Moreton makes a entertainingly hopeless highwayman, blundering around eagerly but with a scared-stiff stare. Jacqueline Charlesworth's giggling chambermaid has pleasing bounce. She kicks off with an amusing mock aria, moaning about the boredom of this pastoral idyll, lyrics that could have been written for the serenely scenic Watermill.

The major hitch is that our rakish heroes are damnably low on naughty spark. Hart's Aimwell grins handsomely but at nothing in particular. Drewe's Archer brings out none of the jokes about a *flamboyantly suave chap* concealed in a lackey's livery. Still, he does rise to some smoothie swankiness when tickling ladies' fancies.

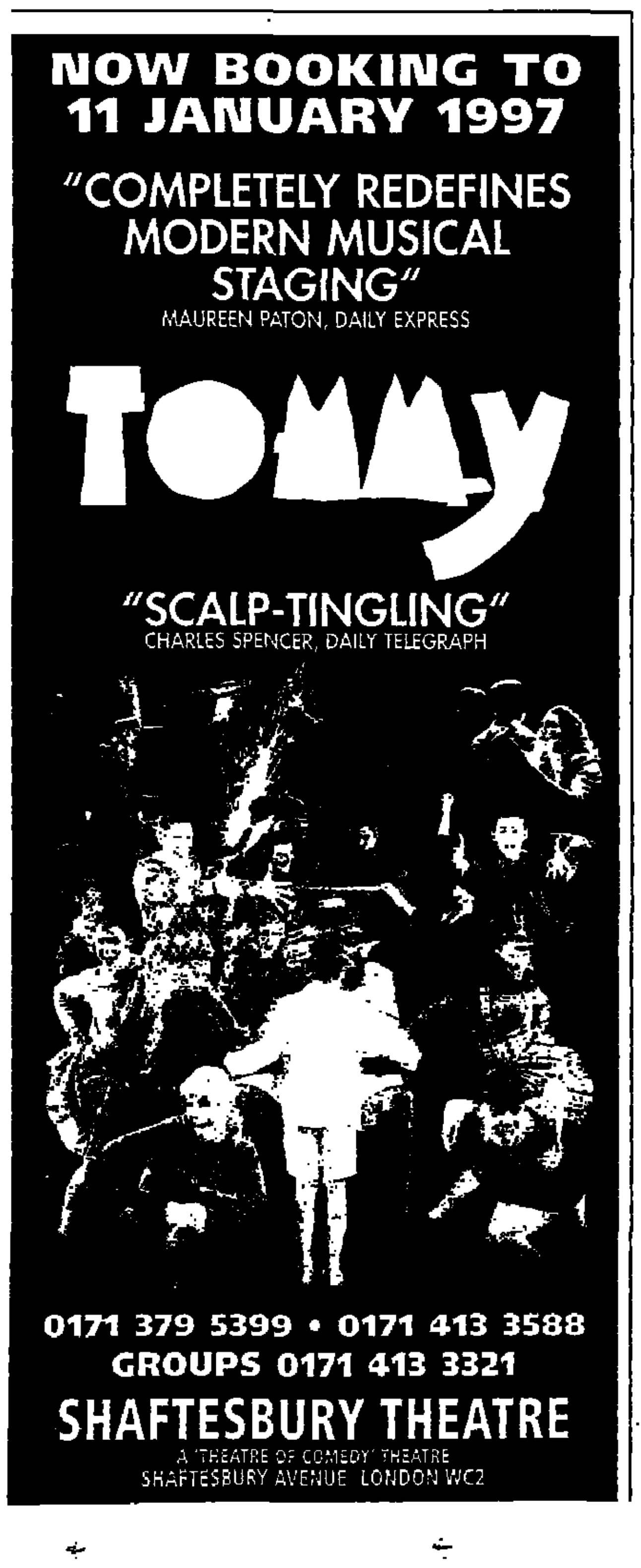
There are also moments of irresistible ridiculousness with absurdly tame sword fights casually conducted with one hand through side doors.

A trio of friars also sidekick their way through the drinking song, chorusing (hallelujah) to love and ale.

KATE BASSETT

MARILYN KINGWILL

Losing the plot: Sarah Jane Hassell and Robin Hart in Robert Sevra's Restoration musical, *Rogues to Riches*



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CONCERTS: Arnold Bax makes a belated debut at the Albert Hall; plus a contemporary tangent in Chester

Spring comes late to the Proms

BBC SO/Elder
Albert Hall/Radio 3

IN A programme that included the most frequently played piece in Proms history — Wagner's *Tannhäuser* overture, with more than 250 *performances* — it was refreshing to hear an important English work written more than 80 years ago notching up its first Prom: Arnold Bax's *Spring Fire*, which Mark Elder and the BBC Symphony Orchestra saved until the end of their concert on Wednesday.

Spring Fire, in which Bax attempted "to depict the first uprush and impulse of spring in the woods", has had an *unhappy performance* history. Written in 1913 — the *Rite of Spring* year — it was not premiered until 1970, long after its composer's death. Conceived on a symphonic scale in five interconnected movements, it was first considered difficult: its sensuous scoring does make big demands on a large orchestra. But much of the musical *interest is in the orchestration* — no pulsating Stravinskian rhythms to conjure up pagan orgies, *only an infinite variety* of instrumental colouring.

Bax can sound patchy, but not when performances have the fervent intensity Elder brought to the music here. With equal care and passion he evoked the dark, enchanted woods of the opening, the rapturous love music of the fourth movement, and the final, frenzied appearance of Bacchus's attendants. Elder gave a no less loving *performance of Dvořák's* concert overture *In Nature's Realm*: a more earthy view of nature in *a work that applies symphonic* logic to spirited, spontaneous-sounding themes.

The theme of nature had been developed before the interval, not least in the Venusberg music from *Tannhäuser*; but as bacchanals go, this one was too well-behaved. At least the women of the Trinity College of Music Chamber Choir sang alluringly as sirens. Even in Wagner, Elder is worth hearing, but it was a pity that, having shaped a dark, soft-grained opening and coaxed very precise playing, he failed to maintain the magic.

The evening's big disappointment was Christine Brewer's singing of the Four Last Songs. With her sumptuous tone and substantial soprano she is probably as good in Strauss as anything. But she poured out vocalise that robbed the songs of their deep expressiveness. The laboured accompaniments did not help.

JOHN ALLISON

Reflecting history, not repeating it

Psappha
Chester

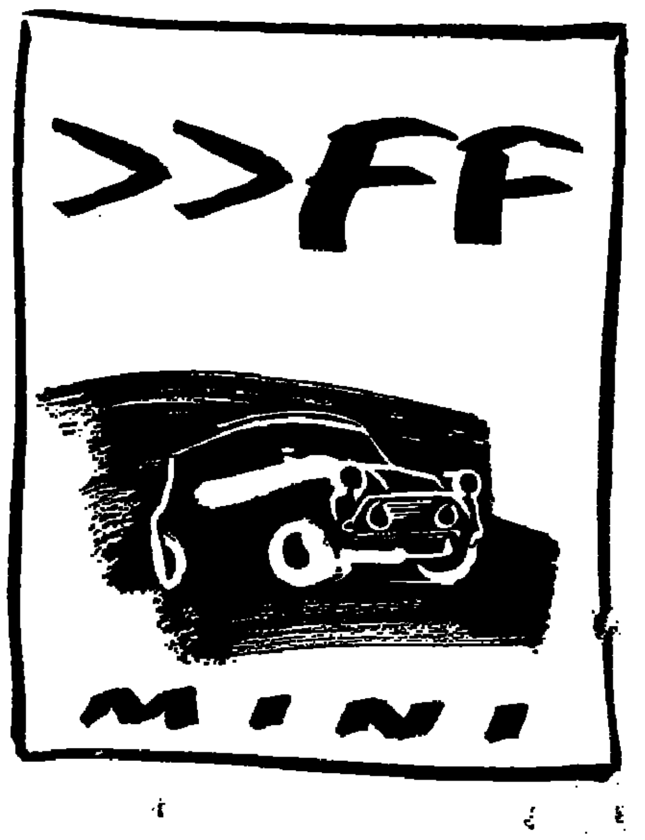
IN THEORY, there should have been a good audience for Psappha's concert at the Chester Summer Music Festival. The artistic director, Andrew Burn, had led his audience gently round the Schumann circle for the first 12 days of the festival, keeping in touch with Mendelssohn and Chopin and Brahms. Then he had offered the least abrupt of tangents into the contemporary scene.

But it doesn't work like that. Just as you have to know that the Wesley Methodist Church is not the severe venue the name might suggest, you have to know that Robin Holloway's *Fantasy Pieces*, Op 16, are abundant in romantic echoes of Schumann's *Heine Liederkreis*, Op 24.

So, in spite of every best intention, more than half of the not very many people there had already thought about the legitimacy of Holloway's inspiration in *Fantasy Pieces*. The convincing moment — as Christopher Gayford's interpretation with Psappha confirmed — is the third movement, which is moving, not by means of allusions to Schumann melody or harmony, but by means of a passionate *and sustained development of* a mere accompaniment figure. Long before that point, in fact, nostalgia has been converted into a new, intensely personal experience.

Although the background is rarely so prominently presented as foreground material, much new music is projected on to an existing image. The images behind Piers Hellawell's *Stone Carvings from the Ice Wall* are primitive musical idioms and sculptural shapes, producing a series of rhythmically provocative little pieces. Meanwhile, if John *Cooney's image of an oboe* striving to free itself from entanglement with a string quartet is not what actually emerges in his *Taking Liberties*, there is no doubt about the dramatic impact of musical events derived from the Book of Daniel in Sally Beamish's *Into the Furnace*.

GERALD LARNER



■ POP 1

Talented, Irish and 24, Sinéad Lohan presses at the limits of the folk singer's art

■ POP 2

The Sex Pistols' Finsbury Park comeback is released on CD — and proves to be good stuff

THE TIMES ARTS

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Irish newcomers, The Frames DC, scale the peaks of "blind love and black poetry" on a new album

■ POP 4

At the age of 51, Jimmie Dale Gilmore emerges as an unlikely cult hero for the Nineties

JAZZ ALBUMS

Dead inspired

DAVID MURRAY OCTET
Dark Star — the Music of the Grateful Dead
(Astor Place TCD 4002)

ALTHOUGH the juxtaposition of one of America's most highly regarded contemporary jazz saxophonists with a band epitomising hippiedom at its most unreconstructed might seem anomalous. David Murray's association with the Dead is based on a genuine appreciation of their music and thorough approval of their improvisatory spirit.

The album springs from a concert at Madison Square Gardens in September 1993 at which Murray and blues harpist James Cotton joined the rock band, and the octet's "avant gutbucket" style brings a rumbustious brio to such familiar Dead fare as *Shakedown Street*. The real meat of the album, though, lies in Murray's more adventurous arrangements of *Estimated Prophet* and — the highlight — *Dark Star*, which combines swirling free jazz with a suitably dreamy, discursive trumpet improvisation on the plaintive psychedelic anthem.

JIM MULLEN
We Go Back
(EFZ 1018)

GLASWEGIAN guitarist Jim Mullen is still best known for his 1970s fusion work but, as his faultless playing on this album attests, he is, at heart, a superb straight-ahead jazz musician.

We Go Back collects some of Mullen's favourite tunes from his 30-year career, intersperses them with a number of jaunty originals, and feeds them through his own neat but eloquent, thumb-picked, single-note style.

Impeccably supported by pianist Gareth Williams, bassist Mick Hutton and the precise yet supple drumming of Gary Husband, Mullen demonstrates that post-Hendrix pyrotechnics and electronic trickery are not the only routes to exciting contemporary guitar music.

CHRIS PARKER

Alan Jackson makes the mistake of congratulating singer Sinéad Lohan on the excellence of her debut folk album

OK then, who does she think she is?

MICHAEL POWELL

"People see a female singer-songwriter with an acoustic guitar and pigeonhole you," says Sinéad Lohan, en route to the Cambridge Folk Festival

Although she performs at the Cambridge Folk Festival today and tomorrow, Ireland's Sinéad Lohan bristles at any assumption that she must, therefore, be a folk singer. That her highly impressive debut album, *Who Do You Think I Am*, has been greeted as one of the best folk releases of the year, or that she has recently completed the second of two British tours supporting the American queen of that medium, Joan Baez, is also neither here nor there. Talented, intractable and just 24 years old, she has no patience with those who would stereotype her.

"People see a female singer-songwriter with an acoustic guitar and no band and promptly pigeonhole you," she says. But, while Lohan may turn out to be something very different to a folk artist, there is no denying that she has made a folk record, and a very good one at that. However, much of the responsibility — she stops short of saying "the blame" — for the fact it fits so decisively into that genre lies with its producer, Declan Sinott.

A long-time musical associate of the melodic Irish singer Mary Black, he heard Lohan singing in a small club in her home city of Cork in 1992 and made it his mission to put her quite lovely voice on record. Sinott took two-and-a-half years to shape a project that is, musically at least, almost indistinguishable from any of the polite but well-received albums he has produced for Black.

Therein lies the rub for Lohan. "I am eternally grateful to Declan for recording me in the first place," she says, carefully, "and of course I feel he did a great job. But this LP is almost as much his as it is mine, because of the way in which his sound is stamped all over it. If I played the songs to you acoustically [she has had her own band for 18 months, and performs them live with new force as a result] you'd see that they could be pushed down any road, not just a folk one."

> ‘Maybe I've been a little spoilt, and that's where my attitude comes from’

Whatever the rights and wrongs of their recorded state, the relative elderliness of the songs — all were written between four and six years ago — helps to explain further why Lohan is so keen to make sure a second album showcases her as her own woman. Compounding her frustration is the fact that, although *Who Do You Think I Am* was on sale in Ireland in 1994, it did not come to Britain until earlier this year, and has only just been released on the Continent. Each new territory thinks it has discovered a singer of pretty, pastoral songs, and has to be put right — firmly.

The second of four children in, she says, a resolutely non-musical family, she nursed no adolescent ambition to be a singer or writer. Like most of her generation — she is now 24 — she grew up watching *Top of the Pops* not attending ceilidhs and, if drawn to anyone, preferred Sting or Paul Weller to any Irish traditionalists. But a year after leaving school, she won a place on a course that helped to prepare students for a career in the wider music industry — management, publishing rights and so on.

"It wasn't that I was gearing myself towards such a career; more that I wanted to avoid working, and liked the idea of something that could, potentially, make you a lot of money," she says. "Initially it covered a lot of the business side, so there was no call to sing or write at all — and I honestly didn't know I could.

"Then one day we all had to sing a song we'd written, and I thought: 'Right, if they all laugh I'll pretend it's not my song at all, and I'll go downtown tomorrow and find out about a career in nursing.'

"But the reaction was so positive and has continued to be." Here Lohan offers a rare smile. "Maybe I've been a little spoilt. Maybe that's where my attitude comes from."

If so, that attitude softens only infrequently. When I observe that (praise indeed) some reviewers had likened her debut collection to early Joni Mitchell, she is scathing: "It's that woman singer-songwriter with an acoustic guitar thing again. I had to go out and buy one of her records to see what they were talking about." And when I ask where she found the band that has done so much to bolster the live presentation of her songs, she is sharper still: "On the back of a cornflakes packet. Where else? I had to send away six tokens."

But there is no rule to say that artists must also be diplomats. And, just occasionally, Lohan relaxes enough to show the music fan beneath the determinedly cool exterior. Having admitted that she felt Baez's audiences were too old to represent her own natural constituency, she recalls the moment Baez caught her singing the Bob Dylan song *To Ramona* backstage. "I've done it for a long time," Lohan says, "but deliberately wasn't including it when supporting Joan because I felt it would be tacky, what with their mutual history and all.

"Anyway, she loved it, even though it was very different to the original, and said she would be glad if I would sing it with her on stage. So every night she called me out during her set and we performed it together. It was a bit of a treat — like a direct link back to him." And she smiles at the memory.

- ● Who Do You Think I Am *is released by Grapevine*
- ● *The Cambridge Folk Festival takes place today, tomorrow and Sunday. Tickets for today only available from 01223 357851*

Closets not for sale

Caitlin Moran knows who pop's secret gay stars are — but then, so what?

As a "music biz insider" — which I'm not — the question I get asked the most is: "Which members of the State Formerly Known as Take That are gay?" And it's not one I can answer, because I simply don't know. There are rumours that all of them are, that none of them are, two of them are, three are bi, one openly uses a facial steamer, and so on.

Take That carefully kept things ambiguous. They freely admitted to playing gay clubs in their early years, were seen at gay events, were unafraid to dabble in kitsch and overt gay imagery, and were generally far more enlightened about the whole matter than the press would have been had it got its hands on any kind of "evidence". But still the fascination continues; and with it the whole baggage of "outing" a generation's heroes.

Over the past couple of years it has become a kind of sport to identify and out gay pop stars. Photographs are printed of stars with their "close friends"; there are reports of stars attending parties in drag; the first ten years of the Pet Shop Boys' press can be summed up in three words — "ironic" and "probably gay".

Amusingly enough, when Neil Tennant finally did come out, last year, the press suddenly lost interest in "the gay angle", and began, for the first time, to concentrate solely on the music. Now the boot is on the other foot — the Boys' new single, *Se A Vida E*, is an unashamed summer Pulling Anthem, and the accompanying video is full of hunks in trunks splashing around at Disneyland.

There are other high-profile stars who are also dealt with under the tag of "probably gay", and doubtless have a couple of telephoto lenses trained on them at all times. The problem for the journalists and photographers concerned is that they can't print their allegations unless they have some moral point to make. Were the stars promiscuously bedding underage boys, then we would have already been treated to several front-page revelations of gay orgies. The reasoning behind these gross invasions of privacy would be the public's "need to know" that their hero is a "sex fiend".

However, as these pop stars are either in long-term, scandal-free relationships — or very discreet — the press is left without an excuse.

Outing is an obsession that's wearying, offensive, and ultimately useless. Gay pop stars have never needed outing: they're generally out for all to see, if you know how to read the signs. One near-icon is still the subject of "is he, isn't he?" music press debates, when it's obvious that he is. From album and singles titles to lyrics and in interviews, he has pulled only the thinnest of veils over his sexual orientation.

In this way the bulk of his audience, which would feel uncomfortable about being the fan of an openly homosexual artist, can go on pretending that his clearly homoerotic lyrics are about women. However, his gay fans picks up all the signals, and understand.

Another gay pop star had a big hit with a single that was obviously about the death of his lover. But if you told the majority of the people who bought it that he was gay, they'd laugh at you — or be offended. But that's cool. If you can't tell whether a pop star is gay or not, then you're a heterosexual who hasn't got any gay friends, and it's probably for the best that you don't know, anyway.

Pistols destroy all passers-by

POP ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** gladly eats his words

THE SEX PISTOLS
Filthy Lucre Live
(Virgin 8 41926)

OH, HOW we moaned and groaned when the Sex Pistols announced they were going to mount a reunion tour. And how we damned their gig at Finsbury Park, their first on British soil for 19 years, with faint praise. But the inescapable truth about this album, recorded live at that very show, is that it is actually very good indeed.

Presented essentially as it happened (apart from the final encore of *No Fun*, which has sensibly been discarded), *Filthy Lucre Live* documents the Finsbury Park event in a way which now sounds impossibly loud and proud. From the moment they come barrelling in with *Bodies* to the final ringing chords of *Problems*, there is not a moment of slack.

That is partly a function of the limited repertoire at their disposal. There is nothing new nor anything remotely resembling a ballad or slow song, and they do tend to fall back on a handful of tried and trusted musical moves.

But that takes nothing away from the tremendous conviction with which they punch through a set of songs that has acquired a mythical status during the band's absence. John Lydon/Rotten is a volcanic presence, spitting, snarling and rolling his Rs with blazing fervour, especially during *God Save the Queen* and *Satellite*, as well as slipping in a handful of well-chosen barbs between numbers. "Got a problem with that?" he demands at the end of *Problems*. Not me, John.

On the evidence of similar recordings from the 1970s, such as *Live in Trondheim*, the Sex Pistols never played as well as this the first time around. Perhaps it was the relaxed, sunny ambience of the day or the vast size of the venue that blunted the initial impact of the performance in the flesh. But as a live album this is surely destined to rank among the classics.

JIMMIE DALE GILMORE
Braver Newer World
(Elektra 7559-61836)

A founder member of the Flatlanders, with Butch Hancock and Joe Ely, and author of the country crossover standard *Dallas*, Jimmie Dale Gilmore has languished in relative obscurity throughout a career that has been celebrated more in retrospect than as it happened. But, thanks to his two more recent albums, the 51-year-old singer from Lubbock, Texas, has emerged as an unlikely cult hero of the 1990s, winning a reputation as an authentic Southern voice which can only be enhanced by *Braver Newer World*.

A singer who seems to use his adenoids instead of his vocal cords, Gilmore's stringy tone will not be to everyone's taste. But while his songs and vocal delivery are steeped in the West Texas country and ballad tradition, some extraordinarily adventurous twists in the arrangements and the wildly idiosyncratic production by T-Bone Burnett turn this album into a journey without maps.

The fragile, pleading vocal of *There She Goes* is counterpointed by a guitar solo that blows up like a sandstorm; Blind Lemon Jefferson's *Black Snake Moan* is turned into a clanky country-blues rag; and an oddly syncopated horn section vies with Jon Brion's "Bombay guitar" sound on the title track. Country purists will be dismayed, but students of misshapen American roots music will have a field day.

Vindication: the Sex Pistols have made a classic live album

THE FRAMES DC
Fitzcarraldo
(ZTT 0630-15622)

BRITISH bands have all but given up on that intense style of mournful and meaningful rock that comes so naturally to such American groups as Counting Crows or Pearl Jam. Not so their counterparts in Ireland, where a new wave of acts, from Scheer to Mundy, is currently hell-bent on scaling ever higher peaks of emotional "realism" in their music and lyrics.

The Frames DC yield to no one in their pursuit of the taut, drilling chord sequence, while frontman Glen Hansard is every inch a graduate of "the university of blind love and black poetry", as he puts it in *Red Chord*.

At their best, as on the recent single, *Monument*, their fervour sweeps all before it. But the combined effect of so much heavily orchestrated yearning and anguish makes the album a suffocating experience overall.

ALICE IN CHAINS
Unplugged
(Columbia 484300)

THEIR drug-obsessed angst has never travelled well, and Seattle heavyweights Alice in Chains are one of those bands who always seem a lot more involved with themselves on stage than with their audience. Even so, MTV's *Unplugged* formula has a way of drawing out unexpected qualities from acts otherwise prone to drown in bombast.

Unfortunately, there is little it can do here. Shorn of their Mogadon-metal guitar sound, songs such as *Angry Chair* and *Rooster* are revealed for the thin ideas that they are, and even those numbers with properly developed melodies and harmonies do not seem to hang together without the volume to shore them up.

POP SINGLE

SUEDE
Trash
(Nude NUD 21)

HAS there ever been a band that has returned to active duty after a break of just 18 months to find the pop landscape so transformed? But if Suede have got to prove themselves all over again, this is as good a start as any.

Bright, confident and quietly knowing, *Trash* welds all Brett Anderson's best Bowie-isms into an alternative pop package that sparkles like neon in the rain. "Just trash, me and you/It's in everything we do," he sings, with a wistful air of romantic decadence, while gracefully chiming guitar and keyboard parts drift in eerie layers through the mix.

It lacks the edge of vintage Suede, but will surely be a hit no matter what the competition can throw at it.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Jagged Little Pill	Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
2	The Smurfs Go Pop!	Smurfs (EMI TV)
3	Moseley Shoals	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
4	Recurring Dream — Best Of	Crowded House (Capitol)
5	Falling Into You	Celine Dion (Epic)
6	The Score	Fugees (Columbia)
7	(What's the Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
8	Wildest Dreams	Tina Turner (Parlophone)
9	Older	George Michael (Virgin)
10	1977	Ash (Infectious)

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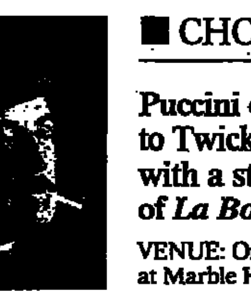

■ CHOICE 2

Puccini comes to Twickenham with a staging of *La Bohème*

VENUE: On Sunday at Marble Hill

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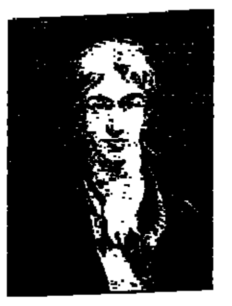
■ CHOICE 3

Gershwin's piano improvisations are recreated by Jack Gibbons

VENUE: Sunday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall



■ CHOICE 4

J.W.M. Turner is featured in the Astley Cheetham summer show

VENUE: Open daily in Stalybridge

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: In the first of three concerts this weekend, Mstislav Rostropovich conducts the **London Symphony Orchestra** tonight, in works by Lutoslawski, Britten and Shostakovich. Tomorrow's programme by the **English Chamber Orchestra** under George Malcolm includes Mozart's Piano Concertos Nos 19 and 22, with soloist András Schiff. Finally, on Sunday, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos conducts the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, the London premiere of Falla's *Atlántida* and Ravel's *Piano Concerto for the Left Hand* (Louis Lortie).
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight-Sun: 7.30pm.

LA BOHEME: A fully staged and costumed 100th anniversary performance of Puccini's romantic masterpiece. Presented by the talented Mid-Wales Opera Company, in collaboration with the Birmingham Conservatoire Orchestra under Anthony Hose. Sung in Italian.
Marble Hill, Richmond Road, Twickenham (0171-413 1443). Sunday, 7.30pm.

FINAL BOW: The thrilling **New Helsinki Quartet** brings the Wigmore season to a close with Mozart's *Dissonance*, Bergman's String Quartet and Janáček's *Intimate Letters*.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JACK GIBBONS: The pianist — an acclaimed exponent of Gershwin — plays standards such as *Rhapsody in Blue*, and his exhilarating recreations of Gershwin's improvisations on *Fascinatin' Rhythm* and other favourites.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Sunday, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON: This evening (7.30pm), the spa town will resound to the contrasting moods of Mozart's Symphony No 25, as Adrian Leaper conducts the orchestra of the Opera North — the **English Northern Philharmonia**. Viotti's Violin Concerto (soloist Marco Rizzi) and Haydn's *London Symphony* complete the programme. On Saturday, the 15th **Buxton Festival of Jazz** gets underway with a parade from the Railway Hotel, Bridge Street, at 11.30am, followed by a cabaret-style bill (Octagon, 2pm-11pm). Featuring the saxophonists Tommy Whittle and Tim Garland, the trombonist Roy Williams and trumpeter Gerard Presencer
Opera House, Water Street (01298 72190 for tickets and information).

DEAL: *Opera Restor'd launches this year's Summer Music Festival with a new production of* **The Dragon of Wantley.** A singing dragon and a romantic hero and heroine contribute to John Frederick Lampe's 18th-century satire of Italian opera.
Astor, Stanhope Road (01304 366 077) Tonight, 8pm.

STALYBRIDGE: The **Astley Cheetham Collection Summer Exhibition** opens today, and includes 30 watercolours by 19th-century artists, including Edward Burne-Jones, Samuel Prout, David Cox and J.M.W. Turner.
Astley Cheetham Gallery, Stalybridge, near Ashton-under-Lyne (0161-343 1978). Today, 1pm-7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 1pm-7.30pm (closed Thurs): Sat, 9am-4pm. Until August 28.

YORK: A new musical play from the team responsible for last year's award-winning production of *Moll Flanders*. John Doyle directs his racy adaptation of the comic novel by Henry Fielding, **Tom Jones**. With music by George Stiles and lyrics by Paul Leigh
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (01904 623 568). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm; mats Wed July 31, 2.30pm, Sat August 10 and 17, 4pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS:** Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J Travanti, Moira Lister.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

◪ **BY JEEVES:** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

■ **THE DEVIL IS AN ASS:** Ben Jonson's adventures of a junior devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell. *An energetic but hollow production.*
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. In rep Ⓢ

◪ **MARTIN GUERRE:** The latest Boublil & Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of *Les Mis* and *Miss Sai*. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Iain Glen and Juliette Caton in a tale based on the true 16th-century story of love, war and identity.
Prince Edward, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE MEMORY OF WATER:** Terry Johnson directs a play by new author Shelagh Stephenson, set among the squabbles that follow a mother's funeral, though she still appears in the play. Cast includes Mary Jo Randle and Haydn Gwynne.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

■ **PAINT YOUR WAGON:** First London revival of the Lerner and Loewe musical since 1953. Tony Selby in the Lee Marvin role, so how will he sing *Wandrin' Star?* Ian Talbot directs.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Sat-Wed, 8pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. In rep.

☐ **PRIVATE LIVES:** Coward's comedy, part of Mike Alfreds's repertoire of three plays for Method & Madness, plays tonight at 7.30pm. Tomorrow, the season draws to a close with performances of all three plays: *Jude the Obscure* at 10.30am, *Private Lives* at 3.30pm and *Flesh and Blood* at 7.30pm.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight and tomorrow

☐ **ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD:** Simon Russell Beale and Adrian Scarborough play the attendant lords in Stoppard's play, still entertaining after 30 years.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Wed, 2.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN:** Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Last performances tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT:** London premiere for James Edwin Parker's New York success: the dynamics of the one night stand, directed by Julian Woolford. Described as "wickedly biting".
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7.

☐ **THE YELLOW WALLPAPER:** Patricia Boyer and Tobias Burns in a stage adaptation of this remarkable 1890 novel by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, tracing a wife's journey into madness. Directed by Judith Roberts.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sun, 4pm. Until August 11.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Fame: The Musical:** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . . ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . . ■ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DENISE CALLS UP (15): Lightweight, appealing lifestyle comedy from new American director Hal Salwen. With Alanna Ubach, Dan Gunther and Aida Turturro.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

THE GODFATHER PART II (18): Majestic sequel to Coppola's Mafia epic, first released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

◆ **RAINBOW** (PG): Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

CURRENT

◆ **HAPPY GILMORE** (12): Blue-collar guy hits the golf links. So-so vehicle for a grating television comic, Adam Sandler. Director, Dennis Dugan.
Plaza (0800-888 997) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise.
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HUSTLER WHITE (18): Adventures of male hustlers on Santa Monica Boulevard. Rough-hewn and unappealing. Directors, Bruce LaBruce and Rick Castro
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi. Director, David Anspaugh.
Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. Director, Michael Bay.
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◆ **SECRETS & LIES** (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
ABCs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **TOY STORY** (PG): Computer-animated Disney delight with a cast of fretful toys. With the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Director, John Lasseter.
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◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15): Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Director, Michael Lehmann.
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VISUAL ART: **Roger Berthoud** on Britain's belated celebration of ceramics

Potter's wheel of fortune

Pots are going up in the world. In the Far East they have long been regarded as works of art. Slowly but surely, the work of Britain's leading ceramicists is acquiring comparable status, both in this country and abroad. It is also being more widely bought, a development doubtless promoted by the alienating, inward-looking nature of much of today's "fine" art: is a video of Mona Hatoum's bowels really more a work of art than one of Gordon Baldwin's magnificent vessels?

The evidence is scattered but extensive. Work by Bernard Leach and his associates features strongly in the Tate Gallery in St Ives. Early next year the Barbican arts centre will follow up its successful 1993 mixed show, *The Raw and the Cooked*, with one devoted to the late Lucie Rie and Hans Coper.

More and more art galleries across the country are showing ceramics as well as pictures and sculpture. The first ceramics-only gallery in London's West End has not only survived for eight years but flourished. American and Japanese collectors — and department stores — are snapping up the work of British potters. One American collector has more than 1,000 examples. So are European museums, notably the Boymans-van Beuningen in Rotterdam. Bonham's, in Knightsbridge, is the only auction house in the world to hold (thrice-yearly) sales solely of contemporary ceramics, which have helped to build many reputations. This year's £15,000 Jerwood Prize for the applied arts will be awarded on September 5 to one of ten shortlisted potters. Most significantly of all, demand for good quality work up and down Britain has greatly increased, along with the number of outlets.

Some credit is due to the Crafts Council in Pentonville Road, Islington, which has worked hard to stimulate the market for the applied arts. According to Morris Latham, head of sales development there, in 1979 the council identified eight high-quality craft shops in London and the home counties, such as Henry Rothschild's pioneering Primavera in Cambridge, 50 years old this year. There are now 96 on the council's useful *Crafts Map of Great Britain*. When a gallery called European Ceramics can flourish in Knaresborough, Yorkshire, something significant has happened.

Latham is also heartened by the interest shown in British ceramics by top-class department stores such as Bergdorf's, Bloomingdales and Gumps in America and Takashimaya in Japan. "You can be sure that when we open the door of the Chelsea Crafts Fair in October, a buyer from Takashimaya will be there: last year one potter had orders for about £25,000 worth of work over the next three years from them. The Gumps buyer goes to degree shows all over the country."

Among the classiest outlets in Britain is Contemporary Applied Arts, which recently moved from Covent Garden to beautiful new premises in Percy Street, off Tottenham Court Road. CAA is a co-operative set up 50 years ago by a group of potters and run by a management council which selects new members twice a year. All the applied arts are shown there, but ceramics bulk large, whether vessel-based or more purely sculptural. Contemporary Ceramics in Marshall Street, near Liberty, is smaller and homelier, but covers a wide range, including objects designed for daily use, such as mugs and teapots.

The success of Anita Besson's Galerie Besson in the Royal Arcade, off Old Bond Street, is evidence of — and has contributed to — the upgrading of pottery's image. True, she had wonderful contacts among wealthy potential clients from her long years with Marlborough Fine Art and Fischer Fine Art, and she had been a friend of Rie since she arrived in London in her teens from Switzerland to learn English. Nonetheless, with West End costs and the relatively low prices of her wares, it was brave to open a gallery devoted solely to ceramics, foreign as well as British.

Her success is, she believes, linked to a general trend for ceramics to be recognised as a major art form. She is particularly pleased to have given four shows to the Catalan, Claudi Casanovas, whom she calls "an amazing talent". Americans and Japanese have been her biggest buyers. British collectors account for more purchases, but foreigners are readier to buy the more expensive items: her prices have ranged from £14 to £60,000.

At least two substantial art galleries, the Hart Gallery in Islington and the Beaux Arts in Bath, match virtually every show of paintings with one of ceramics. Being more affordable, pots help to bring people into the gallery, says Louis Singh of Beaux Arts. Not infrequently, John Hart finds, someone who comes in to look at paintings will leave having bought a pot — and vice versa. He has shown many of the big names among British potters, such as Baldwin, Ewen Henderson and Gabrielle Koch, and he has a sense of mission to make a handful of his favourite French potters better known here.

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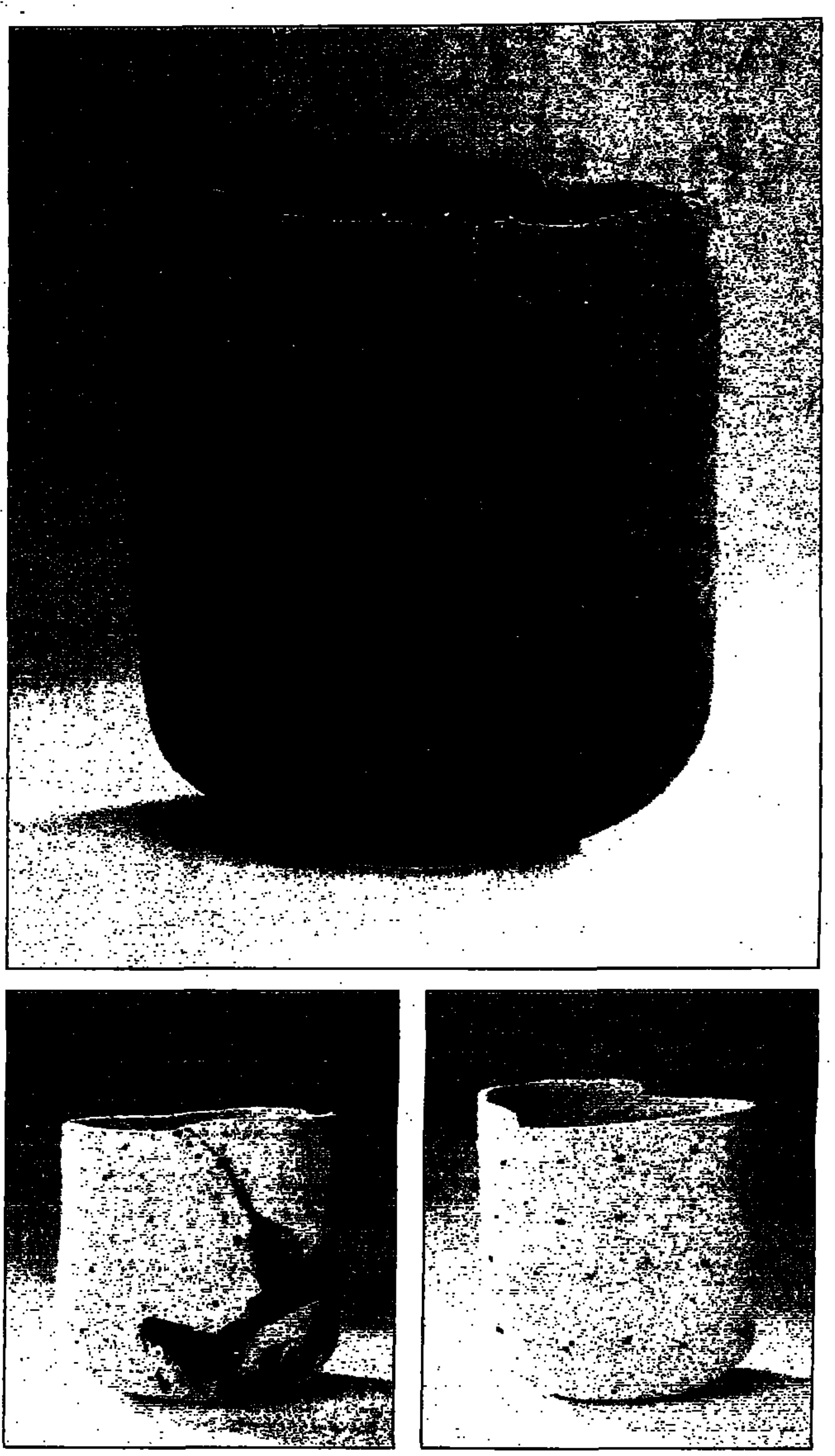
Some art galleries show just one or two potters a year. For Austin Desmond, near the British Museum, it is the late Michael Cardew and the Cornish potter Jason Wason, who has also shown at the Tate in St Ives. They plan a mixed show of smallish items for December. Even Anthony d'Offay in Dering Street, W1, that bastion of Beuys, shows two British ceramacists, Grayson Perry and Andrew Lloyd, as well as pots by the versatile Bruce McLean.

Art-world snobbery towards pottery lingers on: at one fine-art fair, a West End dealer asked Hart when he was going to remove the crockery. When I asked Leslie Waddington, the Cork Street dealer, whether he would think of showing British ceramics, his scornful message was: pots by Picasso and Miró, yes; by British potters, certainly not. But then there is not much you can buy from Waddington for less than £1,000, while for a fifth of that you can get a pot of real quality.



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No duty of care over roads

Stovin v Wise, Norfolk County Council (Third Party)

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches July 24]

A statutory power granted to a public body did not give rise to a common law duty of care, where none already existed, nor did it put the public body under any legal duty to make any reasonable decisions, and a failure to act under that power could not make the public body liable to a member of the public who might sustain damage.

The answer to the question whether a statutory duty gave rise to a private cause of action was a matter of construction of the particular statute and depended on the policy of the statute.

The House of Lords so stated allowing by a majority (Lord Slynn and Lord Nicholls dissenting), an appeal by the third party to the action, Norfolk County Council, as the highway authority, from a decision dated February 16, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Roch) (*The Times* March 3, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 1124), whereby the court dismissed an appeal by the county council from an order dated July 27, 1992 of Judge Crawford, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

In an action by Thomas Michael Stovin for damages for sustaining injuries in a road traffic accident allegedly caused by the negligence of Rita Wise, the judge apportioned blame as to 70 per cent to Mrs Wise and 30 per cent to the council. Mr Stovin took no part in the appeal.

In December 1988 Mr Stovin was riding a motor cycle along Station Road, Wymondham when he collided with a motor vehicle being driven by Mrs Wise out of a junction on Mr Stovin's left across his path. He was seriously injured.

The junction was not a busy one but was known by the county council to be dangerous because the view of road users turning out of the junction with Cemetery Road into Station Road was restricted by a bank on adjoining land. Accidents in similar situation had occurred at the junction on at least three previous occasions.

In January 1988 a divisional surveyor of the council, after a site meeting at the junction, accepted that a visibility problem existed and recommended removal of part of the bank. The council agreed that the work would be carried out providing the owner of the land British Rail, agreed. British Rail had not responded the council's proposal before Mr Stovin's accident notwithstanding a further site meeting at which the representatives British Rail and council were present.

Mr Stovin's claim against Mrs Wise was settled. Mrs Wise had joined the council as third party, alleging that it was negligent and in breach of its statutory duty by failing to take reasonable measures to reduce the danger to road users at the junction.

Mr Timothy Stow, QC and Mr Mervyn Roberts for the council; Mr Robert Nelson, QC and Mr Richard Hone for Mrs Wise.

LORD NICHOLLS, dissenting, said that the crucial question was whether a highway authority, aware of a danger, owed to road users a common law duty to act as would a reasonable authority in the circumstances and hence was potentially liable in damages if it failed to attain that standard.

Built into that question were several features which, in combination, pointed to the conclusion that the existence of such a duty and such a liability would indeed be fair and reasonable.

First, the subject matter was physical injury. The existence of a source of danger exposed road users to a risk of serious, even fatal, injury. Road users, especially those unfamiliar with the stretch of road, were vulnerable. They were dependent on highway authorities fulfilling their statutory responsibilities.

Second, the authority knew of the danger. When an authority was aware of a danger it had knowledge road users might not have.

Third, in the present case, had the council complied with its public law obligations the danger would have been removed and the accident would not have happened. In such a case a highway authority could properly be regarded as reponsible for the accident just as much as if its employees had carried out roadworks carelessly and thereby created a danger.

Fourth, this was an area where Parliament had recognised that public authorities should be liable in damages for omissions as well as actions. The Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961 abrogated the old rule exempting the inhabitants at large and their successors from liability for nonrepair of highways. A highway authority was liable in damages for failing to take reasonable care to keep the highway safe. But no sound distinction could be drawn between dangers on the highway itself, where the authority had a statutory duty to act, and other dangers, where there was a statutory power but not a statutory duty.

Fifth, the purpose of the statutory powers was to protect road users by enabling highway authorities to remove sources of danger, but public law was unable to give an effective remedy if a road user was injured as a result of an authority's breach of its public law obligations. A concurrent common law duty was needed to fill the gap.

Sixth, a common law duty in the present case would not represent an incursion into a wholly novel field. An occupier owed a duty to take positive action to protect his neighbours. Until subsumed in legislation, an occupier also owed common law duties to safeguard those who came on to his property, whether lawfully or unlawfully. Although a highway authority did not occupy the highway, there was a certain resemblance. A highway authority had, and alone had the capacity to remove what would otherwise be a source of physical danger to users of property.

Seventh, a common law duty would not impose on the authority any more onerous obligation, so far as its behaviour was concerned, than its public law obligations.

Finally, and critically, the consequence of a concurrent common law duty would be that in the event of a breach the loss, so far as measurable in terms of money, would fall on the highway authority or, if insured, on highway authorities generally.

Those factors, taken together, constituted special circumstances of sufficient weight for the crucial question to be answered "Yes". There was here sufficient proximity.

LORD HOFFMANN said that the argument that the council had a positive duty to take action giving rise to a claim for compensation in tort must depend on the public nature of its powers, duties and funding.

The argument was that while it might be unreasonable to expect a private landowner to spend money for the benefit of strangers who had the right to cross his land, the very purpose of the existence of a public authority like the council was to spend its resources on making the roads convenient and safe. For that purpose it had a large battery of powers in the Highways Act 1980.

Although those powers did not actually include a power which would have enabled to council to go on the land of British Rail and remove the bank of earth, there was power under section 79 to serve a notice requiring the bank to be removed. The power was conferred for the purpose of "the prevention of danger arising from obstruction to the view of persons using the highway".

The allegation was not that the council failed to use that power, but that its existence showed that one of the purposes for which Parliament contemplated that the highway authority would spend its money was in the removal of exactly the kind of obstructions which caused the accident in the instant case.

Since *Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Trustees v Gibbs* ((1866) LR 1 HL 93) it had been clear law that, in the absence of express statutory authority, a public body was, in principle, liable for torts in the same way as a private person. But its statutory powers or duties might restrict its liability.

For example, it might be authorised to do something which necessarily involved committing what would otherwise be a tort. In such a case it would not be liable: *Allen v Gulf Oil Refining Ltd* ([1981] AC 1001). Or it might have discretionary powers which enabled it to do things to achieve a statutory purpose notwithstanding that they involved a foreseeable risk of damage to others. In such a case, a bona fide exercise of the discretion would not attract liability: *X (Minors) v Befordshire County Council* (*The Times* June 30 1995; [1995] 2 AC 633) and *Dorset Yacht Co Ltd v Home Office* ([1970] AC 1004).

The argument in the present case was that whereas a private person would have owed no duty of care in respect of an omission to remove the hazard at the junction, the duty of the highway authority was enlarged by virtue of its statutory powers. The existence of the statutory powers was said to create a proximity between the highway authority and the highway user which would not otherwise exist.

Until the decision of the House in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728), there was no authority for treating a statutory power as giving rise to a common law duty of care. Two cases, in particular, were thought to be against it: *Sheppard v Glossop Corporation* ([1921] 3 KB 132) and *East Suffolk Rivers Catchment Board v Kent* ([1941] AC 74).

Whether a statutory duty gave rise to a private cause of action was a question of construction: *R v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, Ex parte Hague* (*The Times* July 25, 1991; [1992] 1 AC 58). It required an examination of the policy of the statute to decide whether it was intended to confer a right to compensation for breach.

Whether it could be relied upon to support the existence of a common law duty of care was not exactly a question of construction, because the cause of action did not arise out of the statute itself. But the policy of the statute was nevertheless a crucial factor in the decision: see *X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council* (at p739).

The same was true of omission to perform a statutory duty. If such a duty did not give rise to a private right to sue for breach, it would be unusual if it nevertheless gave rise to a duty of care at common law which made the public authority liable to pay compensation for foreseeable loss caused by the duty not being performed.

Therefore, the minimum preconditions for basing a duty of care on the existence of a statutory power, if it could be done at all, were, first, that it would have been irrational not to have exercised the power, so that there was in effect a public law duty to act, and second, that there were exceptional grounds for holding that the policy of the statute required compensation to be paid to persons who suffered loss because the power was not exercised.

The question of whether anything should be done about the junction, here, was at all times firmly within the area of the council's discretion. As it was not under a public law duty to do the work, the first condition for the imposition of a duty of care was not satisfied. But even if it was, the second condition would not be satisfied. There were no grounds on which it could be said that the public law duty should give rise to an obligation to compensate persons who had suffered loss because it was not performed.

Lord Goff and Lord Jauncey agreed with Lord Hoffmann.

Lord Slynn agreed with Lord Nicholls.

Solicitors: Eversheds, Ipswich; Mills & Reeve, Norwich.

Costs penalty for concealing case

Brackenbank Lodge Ltd v Peart and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Speeches July 24]

The soil of Burnhope Moor, Durham, belonged to the successors in title of the Bishop of Durham as lord of the manor and not to holders of stints on the moor. The ownership of the soil had been decided by the Court of Queen's Bench in 1867 and the House of Lords would only overturn such a long-standing decision on property rights if it was plainly wrong.

Where litigation arose because a party had concealed a relevant earlier case, that party was liable for both sides' costs.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by Brackenbank Lodge Ltd against a decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Sir Michael Fox (*The Times* June 4, 1993; (1993) 67 P & CR 249) that Olive Peart and others, stint holders on Burnhope Moor, owned the soil of the moor, and thus the right to shoot grouse over it, in undivided shares.

Mr John McDonnell, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Peter B. Keenan for the appellant; Miss Sheila Cameron, QC and Mr John Fryer-Spedding for the respondent

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said Brackenbank claimed the soil under a conveyance to them from the Church Commissioners. There was no dispute that the rival claimants, the stintholders, had grazing rights on the moor. The issue was whether they or Brackenbank owned the soil. Fundamentally, the dispute concerned the right to shoot grouse on the moor since whoever owned the soil owned the shooting.

The Commons Commissioner in 1988 had decided that the stintholders owned the soil. He rejected a claim by Brackenbank to have acquired title by adverse possession.

On appeal, Mr Justice Scott had reversed the commissioner's decision. He agreed with the commissioner that prior to an award made in 1815 under a private enclosure Act of 1799 (39 Geo III Cap 69) the soil vested in the stintholders and not in the Bishop of Durham as lord of the manor but unlike the commissioner held that the 1815 award had divested them of their right to the soil. Mr Justice Scott had further held that Brackenbank had acquired title by adverse possession. The Court of Appeal held that the award had not extinguished the stintholders' rights in the soil and that Brackenbank's claim by adverse possession failed.

Mr McDonnell had abandoned any claim based on adverse possession and accepted that everything depended on who owned the soil before and after the 1815 award. Brackenbank's claim in the House of Lords thus depended entirely on showing (a) that the soil before 1815 belonged to the bishop as lord of the manor and (b) that the 1815 award did not divest him of his title to it.

During an adjournment between his opening arguments and those of Miss Cameron, Mr McDonnell had examined the Church Commissioners' archives, where he found a reference to litigation concerning the shooting rights on Burnhope Moor in the 1860s.

That led to the discovery of a report of the litigation, *Ecclesiastical Commissioners v Peart* (*The Times* February 13, 1867) a decision made by a strong court: Mr Justice Blackburn, Mr Justice Mellor and Mr Justice Lush.

That court had found that before the 1815 award the soil of Burnhope Moor was vested in the bishop and that on its true construction the 1799 Act did not divest the bishop of his rights in the soil.

Miss Cameron had then to concede that she could only win by showing *Ecclesiastical Commissioners v Peart* to be wrongly decided.

The claim by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners was that the defendant Peart had been shooting grouse to which they, as statutory successor to the Bishop of Durham, were entitled.

The Court of Queen's Bench rejected the commissioners' claims based on a franchise of free warren and on an exclusive right to take the grouse by custom. It held that the 1799 Act extinguished the bishop's title to land which was to be enclosed but did not impair his title to unenclosed land. The defendant was thus liable for shooting over the unenclosed portion of the moor.

The 1867 decision had determined the title to the soil of nearly 20,000 acres of Co Durham and many titles to land and shooting rights must depend upon it. The House was always reluctant to overturn existing law, especially long established law, when to do so would cast doubt on established titles. His Lordship would certainly not be prepared to overrule *Ecclesiastical Commissioners v Peart* unless it was demonstrably and clearly wrong.

In his Lordship's judgment, the decision was clearly right in holding that, whoever held the title to the soil of the unenclosed residue before the 1799 Act, that title was not affected by the Act. Nothing in the Act directed any change in the title to the soil of the unenclosed residue. The critical question was to determine the ownership of the soil of the unenclosed residue before the Act.

His Lordship found it significant that from 1601 large parts of the stinted moors were held under leases for three lives from the bishop.

For centuries before the 1799 Act the Bishop of Durham had faced substantial difficulties in establishing his feudal and land rights in Upper Weardale. Like good north countrymen the inhabitants were not immediately subservient in their attitudes.

The truth of the matter might well be that the respective rights of the lord of the manor and the stintholders had either been lost in the mists of the Middle Ages or were never clearly defined.

In those confused circumstances the Court of Queen's Bench in 1867 could not be criticised for holding that the land formed part of the manorial waste and applying the presumption that its soil belonged to the bishop. The appeal would be allowed.

In the ordinary case, since the decision turned on a point not pursued by Brackenbank in the Court of Appeal and was in effect decided by the discovery at a very late stage of the 1867 decision, there would be good grounds for saying costs should not follow the event.

However, in the present case, the husband of one of the respondents had discovered the existence of the 1867 proceedings as long ago as 1974. He had unwisely been persuaded by his father-in-law, then one of the stintholders, not to disclose the existence of the 1867 proceedings to their solicitors.

Whatever the reasons for that behaviour, the result was that the litigation had been wholly caused by the respondents' failure to draw attention to the 1867 decision. In the circumstances the respondents had to pay all Brackenbank's costs.

Lord Keith, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn and Lord Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Gaynham Smith & Mellor, Penrith; Snowball Tucker & Bibby, Consett.

Applying Brussels Convention to libel

Shevill and Others v Presse Alliance SA

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Ackner, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry and Lord Browne-Wilkinson

[Speeches July 24]

Where under English law the publication of libellous material was regarded as harmful to the person libelled without specific proof, such a publication was sufficient for applying article 5(3) of the Convention of Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968 (the Brussels Convention, set out in Schedule 1 to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982).

The European Court of Justice had pointed out that what constituted a harmful event within the article was to be determined by the national court applying its own substantive law.

The House of Lords so stated dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Presse Alliance SA, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Beldam) (*The Times* March 13, 1991; [1992] 2 WLR 1) of its appeal from a judgment dated May 14, 1990 of Mr Justice Alliott who had affirmed an order of Master Creightmore.

In an action by the plaintiffs, Miss Fiona Shevill, Chequepoint International Ltd, Ixora Trading Inc (now in liquidation) and Chequepoint SARL, seeking damages for libel, the defendant issued a summons on December 7, 1989 for an order, inter alia, that the action be dismissed or stayed on the ground that the court lacked jurisdiction to hear and determine it or that the natural and appropriate forum was in France. The master dismissed the summons.

After hearing the appeal in October 1992 the House referred the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling on the application of the Brussels Convention. The Court ruled, inter alia, that the expression "place where the harmful event occurred" in article 5(3) of the Convention entitled the victim of libel to bring an action for damages against the publisher either before the courts of the contracting state where the publisher was established or before the courts of each contracting state in which the publication was distributed (*The Times* April 6, 1995; [1995] 2 AC 18.)

On June 18, 1996 the appeal came back before the House.

Article 5 provides: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued: ... (3) in matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, in the courts for the place where the harmful event occurred..."

Mr Michael Tugendhat, QC and Mr Adam Wolanski for the defendant; Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Harry Boggis-Rolfe for the plaintiffs.

LORD JAUNCEY said that the present issue concerned the meaning to be given to the words "harmful event" in article 5(3).

Miss Shevill, then a student, was employed for three months in 1989 in a bureau de change in Paris by Chequepoint SARL. In September 1989 an issue of the newspaper *France-Soir*, published by the defendant, carried a story to the effect that the bureau de change in question had been involved in laundering drug money and referred, inter alios, to the operators of the bureau and "Fiona Shevill-Avril" as being involved in the laundering operation.

The newspaper had a wide circulation in France but only about 230 copies were sold in England and Wales of which only five were circulated in Yorkshire where Miss Shevill lived.

Shortly afterwards Miss Shevill and Chequepoint SARL, together with two other companies which were no longer in the case, sued the defendant in the High Court. The defendant disputed the jurisdiction of the court and sought to have the action struck out.

The matter was referred to the Court of Justice by the House. That court ruled that on a proper construction of the expression "place where the harmful event occurred" in article 5(3) of the Brussels Convention, "the victim of a libel by a newspaper article distributed in several contracting states may bring an action for damages against the publisher either before the courts of contracting state of the place where the publisher of the defamatory publication is established ... or before the courts of each contracting state in which the publication was distributed and where the victim claims to have suffered injury to his reputation, which have jurisdiction to rule solely in respect of the harm caused in state of the court seised."

The court went on to point out the limited scope of the Convention and concluded that the criteria for assessing whether the event in question was harmful and the evidence required of the existence and extent of the harm alleged by the victim were not governed by the Convention but by the substantive law determined by the national conflict of laws rules rules of the court seised.

The court further pointed out that the object of the Convention was "not to unify the rules of substantive law" but to determine which court had jurisdiction. The Convention did not specify the circumstances in which the event giving rise to the harm might be considered to be harmful to the victim and that that was a matter for the national court applying its substantive law. The fact that under national law a plaintiff did not have to adduce evidence of damage did not preclude the application of article 5(3) in determining jurisdiction.

It was abundantly clear from the relevant parts of the judgment that the court was at pains to point out that what constituted a harmful event was to be determined by the national court applying its own substantive law. Thus where English law presumed the publication of a defamatory statement was harmful to the person defamed without specific proof thereof that was sufficient for the application of article 5(3). An award of even nominal damages was recognition of some harm having been suffered by the plaintiff.

The plaintiffs had made a case in their pleadings entitling them to inquiry as to the harm which they were alleged to have suffered in England as a result of the publication. It followed that they could invoke the jurisdiction of the English courts by virtue of article 5(3).

Lord Keith, Lord Ackner, Lord Lowry and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: D. J. Freeman; O'Callaghan & Co.

Causing fear does not obstruct highway

Kent County Council v Holland

Before Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Brian Smedley

[Judgment July 22]

Causing fear in pedestrians was not an obstruction of the highway for the purposes of section 137(1) of the Highways Act 1980.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Kent County Council from the dismissal by Gravesend Justices on October 10, 1995 of an information against Graham Holland that he wilfully obstructed the free passage along a footpath contrary to section 137(1) of the 1980 Act.

Mr Holland owned the property adjacent to the path, part of the boundary of which comprised large gauge wire mesh. He allowed his rottweiler dogs to act in a menacing way towards people using the path; they would jump up at the fence barking furiously and on occasion their jowls would protrude beyond the line of the fence.

Mr John Bryant for the appellants; Mr Kevin Sparks for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE BRIAN SMEDLEY said that the appellants contended that the presence of the dogs amounted to an obstruction in as much as their presence instilled fear into those persons passing along the path and prevented them from enjoying free passage over all parts of it; that the protrusion of the dogs' heads over the footpath coupled with their behaviour amounted to a physical obstruction of the footpath.

The justices had found that the respondent had been acting lawfully in the use of his property to exercise his dogs and that his actions were wilful.

On the question of whether there was an obstruction they found the appellants' contention difficult to reconcile with the wording of the statute. So did his Lordship.

The uncertainty of the test and the inconsistent results it would produce in the view of the justices mitigated against such an interpretation. His Lordship agreed with that finding.

The justices felt that to regard the creation of fear as amounting to an obstruction would be to stretch the meaning of the word too far and his Lordship agreed. Whether a particular situation amounted to an obstruction had to be a question of fact for the tribunal on the facts of each particular case.

The justices also applied the de minimis principle to the protrusion of the heads of the dogs over the fence. They found as a fact that the extent of the protrusion was unclear but that it extended to inches, if that.

Rejecting the argument of the appellants that the phrase "de minimis" had to be applied not only to the extent of the protrusion but also to its effect, his Lordship said that the justices were entitled to find, and his Lordship agreed with the finding, that any protrusion was so minimal in time and degree that it could not be said to amount to a physical obstruction of the highway.

His Lordship concluded that if in the view of the local authority the use being made of the respondent's land amounted to a common law nuisance then it was open to them to consider taking steps, either civil or criminal, to put an end to it.

The offence of causing an obstruction under section 137 of the Act not having been made out the justices were right in their conclusion.

Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Mr D. P. Clephan, Maidstone; Robin F. Clark & Co, Gravesend.

Humour no shield for contempt

Attorney-General v British Broadcasting Corporation
Same v Hat Trick Productions Ltd

Before Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Sachs

[Judgment June 12]

That words were spoken on a humorous and irreverent television programme did not diminish the risk of serious prejudice to those involved in pending criminal proceedings.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing the motion of the Attorney-General for committal of the British Broadcasting Corporation and Hat Trick Productions Ltd for contempt of court arising out of the BBC's television broadcast of a programme *Have I Got News For You*, produced by Hat Trick. The programme was broadcast on April 29, 1994 and repeated the following day. Each was fined £10,000.

Mr Philip Havers, QC, for the Attorney-General; Mr Andrew Caldecott, QC, for the BBC and Hat Trick.

LORD JUSTICE AULD said that the Attorney-General's case was that the programme was in contempt of court because it created a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the pending criminal trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and others at the Central Criminal Court on charges of alleged fraud, and thereby breached the strict liability rule in sections 1 and 2 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

The broadcasts were six months before the trial on the programme which was a popular, humorous and irreverent quiz programme on current affairs. His Lordship said that although they were spoken in that context and could not be regarded as evidential in nature, they might well have been taken by some viewers as statements of someone "in the know".

At the very least they constituted a readily memorable encouragement to viewers to regard the Maxwell brothers as guilty of defrauding the *Mirror* pensioners, the very subject of their well publicised forthcoming trial.

The fact that the remarks were made in a humorous, irreverent and often rude programme, although not themselves humorous, that they were brief and made in an impermanent medium of television had to be balanced against a number of factors including the clear implication that the Maxwell brothers were obviously guilty of fraudulent conduct, the large, national, audience to whom the words were addressed and the repetition of the programme.

The matter was one for the court to assess on the particular facts of the case and his Lordship was sure that the broadcast created a risk of serious prejudice to the course of justice. Accordingly, the contempt was established.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Mr Gareth Roscoe, White City; Farrer & Co.

£45,000 award not excessive for irresponsible libel

Kiam v Neill and Another

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment July 17]

An award of £45,000 damages was not excessive where the publication of a libel was irresponsible. No effort was made to check the report's accuracy and the plaintiff's name was included only because a journalist wished to use his name and prominence as an example of a disastrous loan made by the subsidiary of a leading bank.

The libel jury could properly take into account the prominence of the plaintiff's reputation when deciding what figure was required to vindicate it. They were also entitled to take account of the fact that it struck at the core of his life's achievement and that, according to the unchallenged evidence, it had a prolonged and significant effect on him personally.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by Mr Andrew Neill and *The Sunday Times* from so much of the order of Mr Justice Hidden, sitting with a jury, on October 21, 1994, as recorded the award of damages of £45,000 and costs against the appellants. The matters complained of were errors or omissions from proper guidance to the jury on the amount of damages.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill and Mr Adam Lewis for the appellants; Lord Williams of Mostyn and Miss Lucy Moorman for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that *The Sunday Times* decided to publish a critical article on the National Westminster Bank in the course of which it said: "Another high profile NatWest customer is Victor Kiam, owner of the Remington razor company. He is being sued by NatWest after defaulting on a £13.5m loan he used to buy New England Patriots, the American football team. Kiam has also filed for bankruptcy protection."

The assault on Mr Kiam's reputation was quite untrue. Mr Kiam had guaranteed a loan by NatWest to a friend who was being sued and had been joined as guarantor. He had not defaulted nor was there any reason to suppose that he would have to file for bankruptcy.

It would be hard to imagine a more damaging allegation against a successful entrepreneur and Mr Kiam protested vigorously. Three weeks later *The Sunday Times* published an apology in agreed terms. However, no agreement was reached on compensation.

The Sunday Times argued that £45,000 was excessive, unreasonable and disproportionate because it had publicly apologised promptly and prominently, did not contest liability and had made an open offer of amends; that the libel, although not trivial, did not go to the integrity of Mr Kiam, was made in error and was corrected within three weeks, depriving it of any lasting effect.

For Mr Kiam it was submitted that the sum awarded had to compensate him for the wrong he had suffered and so must compensate him for damage to his reputation, vindicate his good name and take account of the distress, hurt and humiliation which the defamatory publication had caused.

Reliance was placed on *John v MGN Ltd* (*The Times* December 14, 1995) where Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, had said ([1996] 2 All ER 35, 48): "The most important factor is the gravity of the libel; the more closely it touches the plaintiff's personal integrity, professional reputation, honour, courage, loyalty and the core attributes of his personality, the more serious it is likely to be. The extent of publication is also very relevant: a libel published to millions has a greater potential to cause damage than a libel published to a handful of people."

Figures for circulation of the defendants' newspaper exceeded one million and the readership was estimated at three million.

In his Lordship's view the law had always taken a grave view of insolvency in a businessman. It was an allegation in which loss and damage were presumed without further proof in an action for slander.

As it was put by Baron Parke in *Jones v Littler* ((1841) 7 M & W 423, 426): "Here the imputation is that of insolvency, which must be injurious; for if a tradesman be incapable of paying all his debts, whether in or out of trade, his credit as a tradesman, which depends on his general solvency, must be injured."

Judged by the criteria of reasonableness and proportionality his Lordship did not find that an award of £45,000 for a widespread, grave and irresponsible assertion of insolvency against a prominent entrepreneur to be excessive and he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Pill delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr Alistair Brett, Wapping; Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners.

Correction

In *Gray v Richards Butler* (*The Times* July 23) the solicitors for the plaintiff were Colman Coyle, Islington.

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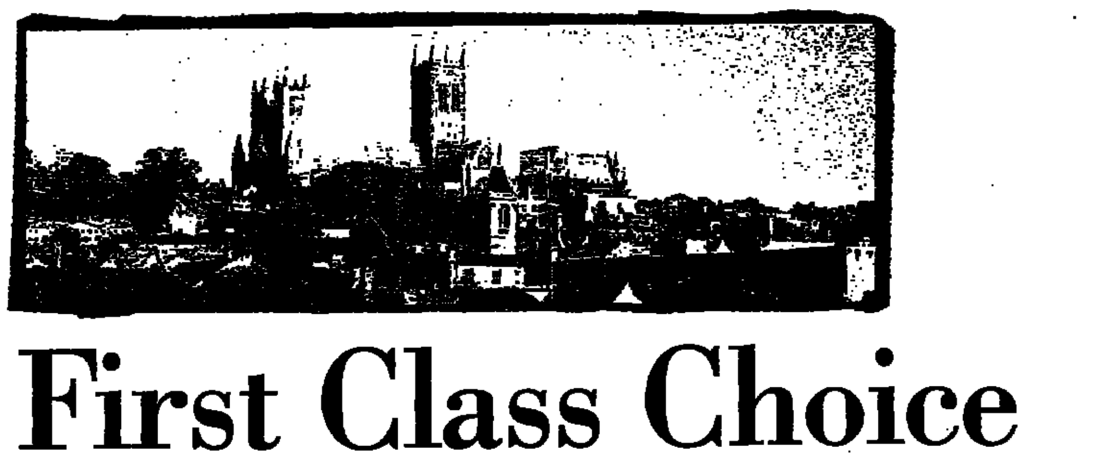

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(Provisional Liquidators Appointed)

Companies Winding Up Order
No 348 of 1996

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The appointment is an interim appointment and will be the subject of a further Court hearing on 29th July 1996.

The order made by the Court empowers us to adjourn the forthcoming meeting of the shareholders on 29th July 1996 at 10:00 am by notice to you and by this notice I am hereby adjourning the meeting to a date, time and venue to be notified to you in due course.

I am exercising the power to adjourn the meeting because in my opinion you have not been properly informed by the directors of the company so as to enable you to consider in an informed way the resolutions set out in the circular of the company dated 12th July 1996.
I am considering presently what information and advice needs to be obtained and provided to you will be writing to you in this connection in due course.

In the meantime, I confirm again that the company's meeting fixed for 29th July 1996 is adjourned to a date, time and venue to be fixed.

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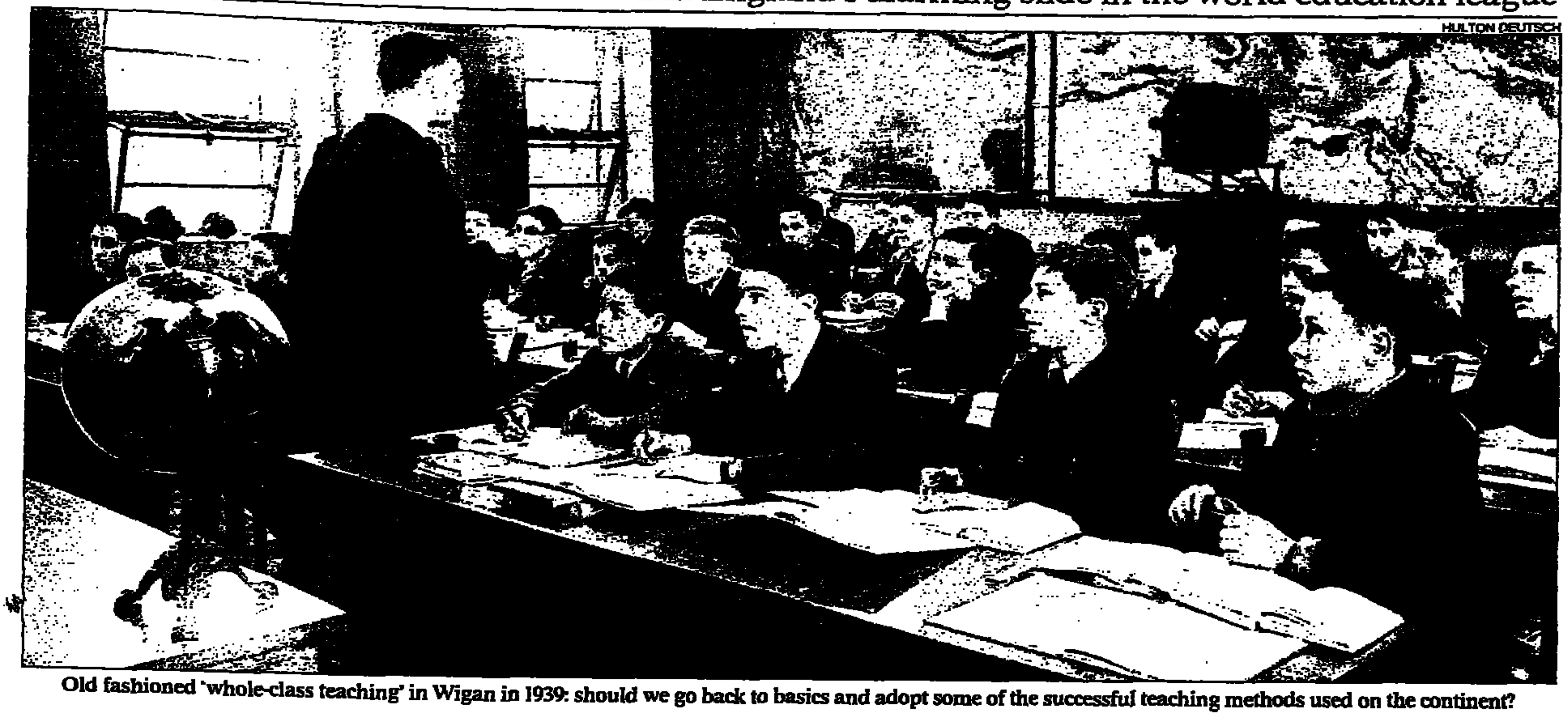
John O'Leary on a scheme that could halt England's alarming slide in the world education league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Old fashioned 'whole-class teaching' in Wigan in 1939: should we go back to basics and adopt some of the successful teaching methods used on the continent?

What's wrong with our maths?

Evidence of British underachievement in mathematics is now so compelling that yesterday's Ofsted report on overseas comparisons was barely challenged. The focus of debate has switched from whether there is a problem to how it can be tackled.

Professor David Reynolds of Newcastle University found that primary school children in the countries of the Pacific Rim were well ahead of their counterparts in Britain, despite much larger classes. And comparable European nations were also forging ahead.

Any lingering doubts about the small sample used in the Ofsted report will be dispelled when the main international study of standards in science and mathematics appears in November. That will show England sliding down the world league at an alarming rate: from 3 per cent above the international average six years ago to 3 per cent below now.

English 13-year-olds are bottom of a sub-set of nine comparable countries out of the 41 taking part in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study. Only the Americans tested for the study answered as few questions correctly as the English in Year 8 of the school system, and even the Americans were marginally ahead in Year 9. Table-topping Singapore was 26 percentage points ahead of England in both years.

Today comes more detailed advice from the one authority which has systematically adapted European methods for the British classroom. Although it is too soon for the six primary schools in Barking and Dagenham to demonstrate the success of their Anglo-Swiss regime, the organisers of the project have drawn preliminary conclusions about the changes required in primary education.

Professor Sig Prais's analysis will be published next week in the journal of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. Like Professor Reynolds, his chief aim is to ensure that more of each primary school class make progress together. The Ofsted report notes that England is the only country in its study where the gap in achievement between the brightest and the slowest grows in primary schools.

In Barking and Dagenham, whole-class teaching has been the basis of the new strategy. Professor Prais accepts that the term covers a multitude of styles, but the system must encourage participation by all the children if it is to work.

The emphasis in the project, especially with younger pupils, is on mental arithmetic. Much of each lesson is devoted to a teacher-led question and answer session. "This approach to teaching is some distance from the lecturing style that so often springs to the mind of English teachers when 'whole-class teaching' is mentioned," he says.

Professor Prais adds that, with better teaching materials to ensure that pupils are able to consolidate what they have learnt with more exercises, Swiss methods could bring improvements in British schools. But they may not be enough on their own: continental schools may have organisational lessons to teach us as well.

The first area is in the age of entry and progress through school. Professor Prais advocates at least three to four months' flexibility in the age at which a child starts school, recognising the varying rates of development among young children. Parents would be given the final decision, informed by "school-readiness" testing.

Greater flexibility in continental schools makes it easier for them to operate mixed-ability primary classes because pupils are grouped by "gestational age" rather than by calendar age. Pupils of all ages are also likely to be held back a year if they fail to reach required standards.

Continental classes are often split into two for reading and arithmetic, enabling the teacher to concentrate on individual needs while a teaching assistant supervises the rest of the pupils. On some days, half the class may come to school early and the other leave late.

Professor Prais says: "The arrangement is similar in intention to but more effective in its application than that current in English schools where a teacher occasionally spends some minutes with a group of half a dozen pupils sitting around a table, while other pupils in that room proceed with their separate activities watched out of the corner of the teacher's eye."

The other continental practice advocated by Professor Prais is the appointment of class teachers for more than one year. While British primary teachers tend to swap classes each year, elsewhere in Europe it is accepted that it takes a term to get to know pupils individually, identify their strenghts and weakness, and assess what motivates them. To minimise the time wasted, the class will keep the same teacher for up to four years.

Professor Prais acknowledges that British parents would be worried that their children would suffer from such long exposure to an inadequate teacher, but the benefits of continuity might outweigh the dangers. The organisers of the Gatsby Project stress that their scheme is still experimental and, even if successful, would take years to have an impact nationally. But they believe that a few fundamental and relatively inexpensive changes could improve primary schools in the long run.

Duplicated copies of Professor Prais's article cost £5 from the Publications Department, NIESR, 2 Dean Trench Street, London SWIP 3HE. The whole edition of the Economic Review is £25.

INTERNATIONAL MATHS TESTS OF 13-YEAR-OLDS
% correct in year 9 (year 8 figures shown in brackets)

Country	Maths overall 151 items	Fractions & number sense 51 items	Geometry 23 items	Algebra 27 items	Data analysis & probability 21 items	Measurement 18 items	Proportionality 11 items
Singapore	79 (73)	84 (79)	76 (69)	76 (68)	79 (72)	79 (73)	75 (71)
Japan	73 (67)	75 (71)	80 (70)	72 (64)	78 (73)	65 (62)	61 (55)
Hungary	62 (54)	65 (58)	60 (52)	63 (52)	65 (60)	58 (49)	47 (38)
Switzerland	62 (53)	67 (60)	60 (46)	53 (41)	72 (66)	61 (53)	52 (44)
France	61 (51)	64 (53)	66 (58)	54 (39)	71 (63)	57 (49)	49 (41)
Canada	59 (52)	64 (58)	58 (50)	54 (43)	69 (63)	51 (44)	48 (42)
International average	55 (50)	58 (53)	56 (50)	53 (44)	63 (58)	51 (45)	45 (40)
Germany	54 (49)	58 (55)	51 (46)	48 (39)	64 (61)	51 (46)	42 (37)
US	53 (48)	59 (54)	48 (44)	51 (44)	65 (60)	40 (36)	42 (38)
England	53 (47)	54 (48)	54 (49)	49 (41)	66 (62)	50 (43)	41 (38)

A parent's life and hard times

Neil McIntosh opens the pages of his diary of the academic year

The story starts in July 1995, when I attend an open evening at my daughter's preferred sixth form, a consortium of four north London schools. She is insistent that she does not want to stay at her current, independent girls school.

Academically, I am encouraged by the open evening, though I worry about the notion of 16-year-olds moving between three or four schools with large parts of each day entirely unstructured.

August: With summer holidays over, we suddenly realise that we have had no communication from the local primary school about our five-year-old son, apart from the one-paragraph letter confirming his place. What day does he start? What time? What other information should we have?

We phone, and according to the caretaker there will be no teachers in until next week and they will not be available that day because it is a "training day". I send a stiff letter saying we *expect*, on Monday, to be able to talk to the head, whose first full year this will be.

September 4: Apologetic call from the head. How could we have slipped through the net? Next day the start of school. A bright, enthusiastic new teacher for the reception class. Altogether reassuring. On the other hand, no induction or induction materials.

September 12: Invitation from Judith (who she?) to a new parents' meeting at two days' notice. Which of us can/should drop everything?

October: The third start of the year as my 20-year-old firstborn heads off to read history at York. Not only a good university but, coincidentally, his parents' alma mater. The attractions of the place and the undergraduate life are obvious. Having enjoyed it to the full I feel guilty at my conclusion that it is indefensible for poorer taxpayers to be contributing to this privilege.

November: Will she, won't she — our three-year-old that is — get a place in the nursery at her brother's school? No one seems to know. Eventually the head assures my wife that notices will go out "in a few days". My wife walks back to our house and the letter offering a part-time place is on the doormat.

March: Sudden deterioration in the behaviour of our five-year-old. Why should a bright, unusually academic boy who is very fond of his teacher suddenly give her a hard time? The teacher wonders if it is something at home. We worry about modern classroom environments which are, of course, less formal and somewhat noisier than we have been used to.

April: We attend a parents' evening as part of the Ofsted inspection of the school. About 40 parents generally, and rightly, supportive of the school but with quite widespread concern about under-achievement.

I receive a letter from York. My son wants to leave to train to be an actor. Somewhat depressed, I get in touch. This summer term, he tells me, he receives 3.25 hours teaching per week.

May: We spend an hour with the nursery teacher. A full-time place is, almost certainly, available next term. The nursery teacher is, as ever, helpful and thorough. However she won't be doing an assembly with the children this term because she, and others, are too exhausted by the Ofsted inspection. My wife is bemused. I, running a company which has managed more than 600 school inspections, shrug my shoulders. I find the inability of teachers to undergo inspection without suffering hypertension quite bizarre but I know it is a fact and that a major change in culture and attitude is needed from the profession as a whole.

July: Now 17, my older daughter, is working in a restaurant for the last two weeks of term. This is supposedly work experience. In fact she has plenty such experience and, in effect, the term has simply ended two weeks early and she is earning money for the summer.

I do not mind her doing this, but it does confirm some of my worries about the consortium's hands-off management of sixth formers.

The primary school sports day is a woefully disorganised melée of non-competitive activities in the hard playground, though there is a park close by. The afternoon makes me reflect on what is wrong with education. What makes the liberal Left equate disorganisation and inefficiency with caring? The lack of structure gave the teachers a gruesomely stressful afternoon.

July 19: Term ends. We have received no formal notification that a full-time nursery place is available.

Sports day showed all that was wrong with education

Gerry McCrum on the law of diminishing returns

Money isn't enough

The best school I ever attended was perched on the edge of Liverpool Zoo, with a square mile of 1930s semis on one side and Victorian terraces on the other. It was known as an elementary school and was of elementary construction: corrugated iron. It was dry, comfortable and well heated.

A magnificent headmaster, Mr Clayton, shared the teaching at moments of stress, for example when two classes each of 45 pupils had to be taught together. He also helped Miss Dodd, the mistress of the "scholarship class" prepare for what became known later as the eleven-plus. Mr Clayton and Miss Dodd took it in turns to teach for an extra hour each morning between 8 and 9 o'clock. This extra tuition was devoted to the core subjects, arithmetic and English, particularly English composition.

It came, therefore, as no surprise to me that a quarter of a century later an expensive and exhaustive American report concluded that money was not a major factor in the efficiency of schools. A school needs some money to function effectively, but extra money brings diminishing returns.

The report was prepared by Professor Coleman, a Johns Hopkins University sociologist. It was commissioned by the administration of President Johnson who required a survey "concerning the lack of availability of equal educational opportunities for individuals by reason of race, colour, religion or national origin".

The politicians anticipated a document supporting a massive increase in educational funding for black children who, by and large, had their own schools. Coleman himself predicted that "The study will show the difference in quality of schools that the average negro child and the average white child are exposed to. You know yourself that the difference is going to be striking."

To almost universal surprise and in many instances profound despair, the differences in the schools attended by black and white children were negligible. The considerable difference in average performance between black and white children was not caused by a difference in school expenditure.

The report has had a profound and continuing effect. To many it is a counsel of despair. It was badly received by liberal politicians, who hoped that the problems of the black under-class would be solved, at a stroke, with a massive injection of cash. It was badly received by the teaching profession.

But the main thrust, that classmates matter most, is well within our own experience. Today the great majority of our A-level students are educated in neighbourhood comprehensives. Boys and girls living in areas with high property prices have an enhanced chance of affluent classmates. These neighbourhoods attract families willing to pay extra for a superior house, and the likelihood of affluent classmates for their children.

With no selection process in operation, other than the catchment area, the subtle characteristics that generate superior school performance just happen to occur most frequently in schools with affluent pupils.

But what of boys and girls who do not live in affluent areas? Clearly for them the neighbourhood comprehensive may not be a good school. This "Coleman Effect" can be seen clearly in my own town, Oxford, and doubtless elsewhere in the UK.

The message of Coleman, however, is not of complete despair. According to Professor Christopher Jencks, an American sociologist, "if schools used their resources differently, additional resources might conceivably have large payoffs". Diminishing returns from additional resources is predicted only if a school continues its existing teaching strategy.

Would my Liverpool elementary school have been improved by a cash injection? Looking back, the outside toilets were certainly pathetic. But would we have swapped state-of-the-art toilets for some of the good things in life? For instance the 15-minute story reading at the end of school. I doubt it.

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A cuckoo in the nest

Oxford University has accepted a multimillion pound donation to found a business school. It will no doubt boast the most opulent interior of any building in the university but will the brightest and the best of its students, from one of our brightest and best centres of learning, seek correspondingly high-powered positions in industry to practise the skills they have learnt?

No: the cream of the milk today is in management consultancy. There, without necessarily having ever been in a permanent position of responsibility in a commercial concern, MBAs will tell people what they should do.

Management is not a subject where principles can be abstracted from the details of what a company does. The notion of an officer class of managers is uniformly disastrous for the only general *principles* that can be transmitted by teaching of this sort involve finance.

After the war a team of young business graduates in the Pentagon, innovators in applying statistics to military logistics, offered themselves as a management team to Ford. At that time the company was struggling to recover from 15 years of eccentric absolutism. The new managers ended the chaos but they could understand only what was quantifiable — money.

The result was that they consistently underinvested so that, when the oil crunch came in the 1970s, Ford found itself lagging. Fortunately for Ford, what ultimately (and painfully) re-emerged were top car men who understood money. But no one who starts life as a money man switches to become a car man.

Every large company needs financial experts. But they should not make the ultimate decisions: they should be valued advisers to executives who know the company intimately. The idea of an industry-transfer market in top management is misguided.

The same problem afflicts the National Health Service today. Tough decisions about healthcare rationing — which have always been necessary — are no longer made by doctors but by remote administrators.

Today we are even further along the path of abstract management and management consultants charge huge fees to give advice for which they take no financial responsibility. Incredibly, Oxford called in management consultants recently to examine relationships within and between its colleges, faculties and administration. Incredible, because the dons must be so hypnotised as to discount these problems.

Is business a respectable subject for universities?

An officer class of managers is uniformly disastrous

Every university is a descendant of Plato's Academy, in having a brief to ask questions of the world and to seek to answer them. Europe's oldest universities were founded in the Middle Ages and the idea of the university received a huge boost from the Renaissance's emphasis on this world rather than the next. Knowledge was organised into categories taken from classical civilisation, taught in distinct "schools".

The Bachelor of Arts degree comprised grammar, logic and rhetoric, and the Master of Arts music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy. Over centuries of scholarship these categories slowly slipped out of date. But today's subjects are their direct descendant and in this nest "management" is a cuckoo, an impostor.

Here is a quote from the Cambridge Institute of Management Studies' research prospectus on what some of its staff are studying: "determinants of quality strategy and the role of marketing in affecting the relationship between quality-related positional advantages and business performance". Another is "the conceptualisation of *strategy and strategic change*: the relationship between strategy and values and the role of culture and communication in the management of change".

Where are the vivid images and concrete nouns? This is abstract to the point where the eyes glaze over. More telling is the new jargon for a personnel department — *human resources*. That is how the Nazis regarded people.

Nobody who knew about automobile engineering or spent years haggling with customers in car showrooms could write like this. Our universities had it right when courses in management took place only as part of a degree in engineering. The year in industry in some MBA courses is a step in the right direction, but to go all the way is impossible because the business schools would have to abolish themselves.

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GOLF

Smethurst is surprise package at Portrush

BY MEL WEBB

FOR a long time yesterday, the first round of the Senior British Open at Royal Portrush looked like living proof of the contention that, in any race, the thoroughbreds will prevail. Then, all of a sudden, along came a man with hardly any pedigree at all and effortlessly joined the leading group.

The expected names — Neil Coles, Malcolm Gregson, Bob Charles, Tom Wargo and Tommy Horton — were on the leaderboard, Coles and Gregson on 67, five under par, the rest a shot behind. Then came Roy Smethurst, an amateur golfer, to upset the applecart and scatter the grade A fruit hither and yon.

Smethurst, 54 last month, had a 67 to tie for the lead, then told the story of the round of his life. A former England youth international and a scratch player for 35 years, he had birdies on each of the first three holes, dropped a shot on the 8th, and further birdies on the 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th put him into a one-shot lead. He then three-putted the last from 60 feet to deny the romantics in the crowd a yarn to take home with them.

He hardly had the right sort of preparation to come into this championship — he had played only about ten medal rounds this year before taking on the might of the Dunluce links. "I only have so many holidays a year," he said. "I'm a true amateur." There was nothing very amateur about the way he finished the day ahead of such luminaries as Charles, Gary Player and Brian Barnes, the defending champion.

Earlier, Barnes had the detached air of a man who wished he was somewhere else. He forfeited the chance of playing in a tournament worth $1.1 million (about £735,000) to play at Portrush, but probably would have preferred to rest. Barnes is playing in his fourth major championship in as many weeks. He tied for fourth place in the US Senior Open, finished third in the Ford Senior Players' Championship and then played four rounds in the Open Championship at Royal Lytham last week. He was, he said, "exhausted".

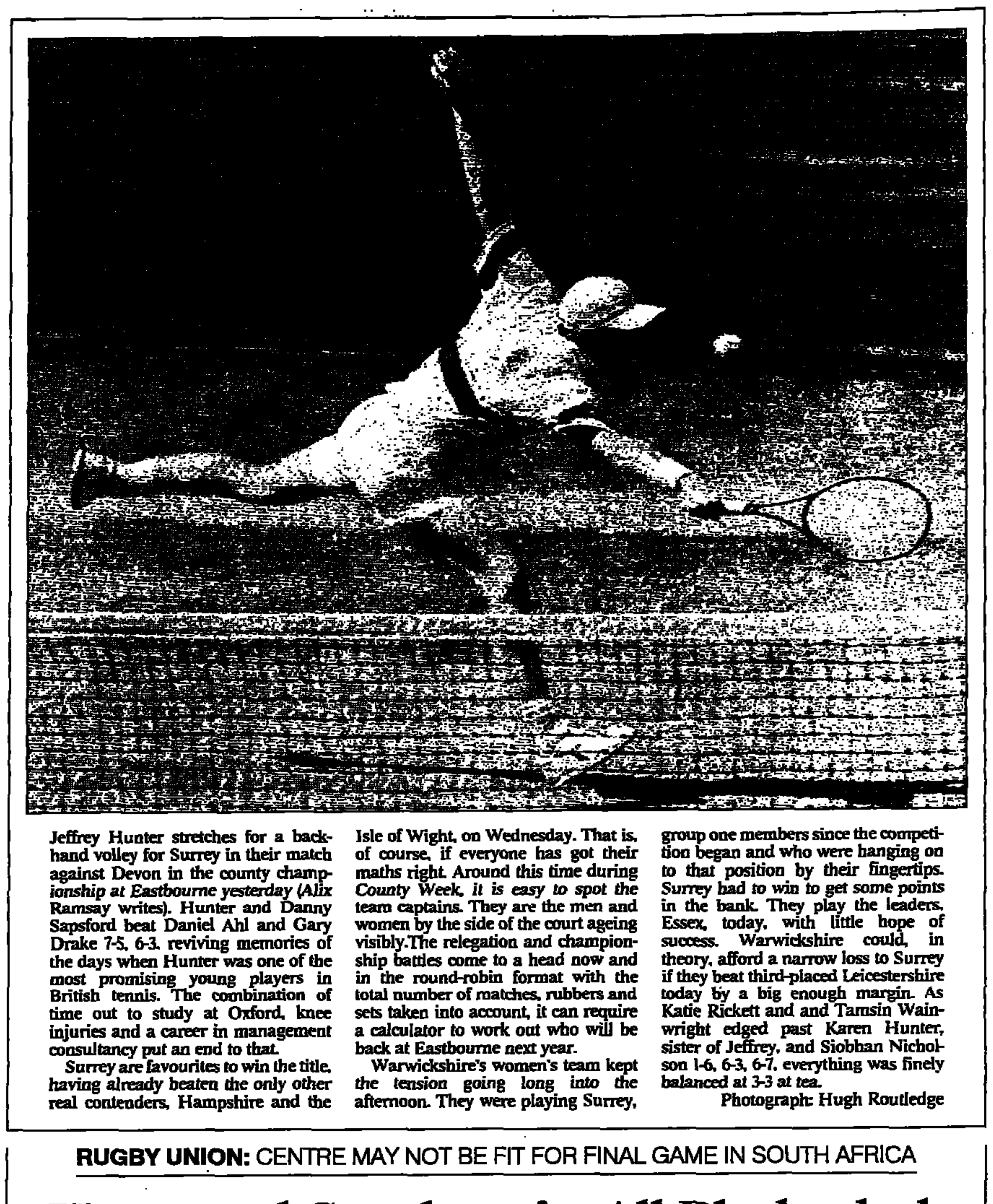
If he had been offered a lift somewhere around the turn, he looked as if he would have accepted it; a couple of hours after his level-par round of 72, he was talking about transport matters.

"If you want to get more Americans to play in this, you are going to have to get carts," he said. "They are available on the senior tour in the States for anybody who wants them and, although I always walk the course, there are many players who use them to have a short rest and a sit-down between shots." It was just as well that there were no members of the Royal and Ancient around; certain of them would either have expired quietly in the corner, while others would have accused Barnes of some sort of heresy.

Earlier, Wargo, who had won in considerable style at Lytham in 1994, revealed an unusual sponsorship. Professional golfers are used to being given cars, others have clothing contracts, practically all of them have some sort of deal for clubs. But cigars? This is something new.

Wargo and Larry Loretti, another notorious puffer of fat stogies, have a small deal with a Mexican firm of cigar manufacturers to smoke Teamos, a well-known brand in the United States.

Wargo had one and a half yesterday, he admitted. "It would have been two, but the rain got the second one," he said.



Jeffrey Hunter stretches for a backhand volley for Surrey in their match against Devon in the county championship at Eastbourne yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes). Hunter and Danny Sapsford beat Daniel Ahl and Gary Drake 7-5, 6-3, reviving memories of the days when Hunter was one of the most promising young players in British tennis. The combination of time out to study at Oxford, knee injuries and a career in management consultancy put an end to that.

Surrey are favourites to win the title, having already beaten the only other real contenders, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, on Wednesday. That is, of course, if everyone has got their maths right. Around this time during County Week, it is easy to spot the team captains. They are the men and women by the side of the court ageing visibly. The relegation and championship battles come to a head now and in the round-robin format with the total number of matches, rubbers and sets taken into account, it can require a calculator to work out who will be back at Eastbourne next year.

Warwickshire's women's team kept the tension going long into the afternoon. They were playing Surrey, group one members since the competition began and who were hanging on to that position by their fingertips. Surrey had to win to get some points in the bank. They play the leaders, Essex, today, with little hope of success. Warwickshire could, in theory, afford a narrow loss to Surrey if they beat third-placed Leicestershire today by a big enough margin. As Katie Rickett and and Tamsin Wainwright edged past Karen Hunter, sister of Jeffrey, and Siobhan Nicholson 1-6, 6-3, 6-7, everything was finely balanced at 3-3 at tea.

Photograph: Hugh Routledge

RUGBY UNION: CENTRE MAY NOT BE FIT FOR FINAL GAME IN SOUTH AFRICA

Horan and Crowley miss All Blacks clash

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HORAN, the Australia centre, will miss the tri-nation international against New Zealand in Brisbane tomorrow after breaking his nose in training. He will be replaced by Richard Tombs.

A decision on whether to take Horan to South Africa for next month's final round of tri-nation matches will be made at the weekend. Australia suffered another blow when Dan Crowley, the prop, withdrew from Saturday's game with a broken toe. He will be replaced by Richard Harry.

Australia were beaten 43-6 by the All Blacks in the opening tri-nation fixture in Wellington on July 6. New Zealand, who lead the southern hemisphere competition with nine points from two games, will clinch the inaugural tri-nations title if they win.

English rugby officials will attend another emergency meeting next Wednesday in an attempt to close the gap between them and their European partners over the controversial £87.5 million BSkyB television deal. On Wednesday, the full five nations' committee — including France — held a meeting in London and again said the onus was on the English to find a settlement.

Gloucester rugby officials have accused the Rugby Football Union (RFU) of "steamroller" tactics after being forced to cancel a match with Western Samoa on November 22 as the RFU have added three more divisional games to the Samoans' tour itinerary.

MOTOR RACING

Williams fails to suppress gossip

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN HOCKENHEIM

DAMON HILL last night brushed aside speculation that his Williams team had signed his German rival, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, to replace him next season. Those who crowded into the Williams motor-home expecting discord found only harmony. "Frank Williams and I are united in a common goal," Hill said jauntily. "That is to win the drivers' championship and the constructors' championship."

Hill, who wants Williams to double his money for next season if he wins the drivers' title this year, said he had not sought any reassurance from his employer about the rumours that the deal with Frentzen had been done. "I am not going to be drawn into conjecture as to my future because that is not of any interest to me at the moment."

Williams attempted to get in on the act with a prepared statement, but his effort was less convincing and did not deny that an arrangement with Frentzen had been reached. "Jacques Villeneuve, having commenced a two-year contract with the team at the beginning of the 1996 season," Williams said, "is the only confirmed driver for 1997. Negotiations regarding the team's other driver for 1997 will commence in good time."

A new round of speculation broke yesterday as the drivers arrived here for the German Grand Prix on Sunday, suggesting that Hill might be on the verge of signing a contract with the Stewart team, which will make its debut in Formula One next year. Even though the team is thought to have secured sponsorship of £125 million from the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, it is unlikely that Hill would risk a drive with an untried team.

Frentzen seemed bemused by the attention that was being lavished on him, even at his home grand prix. "There is nothing to hide," Frentzen said. "I would like to drive for Williams. If my manager has not talked to them, he has not been doing his job."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Union clubs alerted by Offiah transfer

BY DAVID MADDOCK

MARTIN OFFIAH is on the verge of a move to London, which will see him embrace both rubgy codes. The Wigan player is having talks with London Broncos, but he will also spend half of his year playing for a high-profile rugby union club in the south.

It is unclear which union club will secure his services, but reliable sources within rugby league said last night that it is likely to be either Bedford or Wasps, with the former, backed by Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, the favourite.

Wigan confirmed last night that the deal could be completed by the weekend and the only stumbling block now is just how Broncos and their union allies will divide Offiah's time. There is an overlap between the two seasons and neither club wants to be seen as the junior partner in the transfer.

A compromise is sure is be reached, however, and it will allow the Great Britain international to sign a three-year contract worth in the region of £1 million. Graeme West, the Wigan coach, confirmed last night that his club had concluded transfer talks and agreed a deal at a fee of £300,000.

"It is possible Martin could even be a Broncos player by the weekend," West said. "The deal has been struck and even though it is a big blow, he is coming to the twilight of his career."

The transfer signals the demise of Wigan as an invincible force in rugby league and could also set a trend to clubs sharing players between the two codes. South Wales are thought likely to strike up a similar sharing arrangement with Cardiff when they enter the Stones Super League next season.

There are problems still to be negotiated, though. Offiah is a likely candidate for both England and the Lions at union. Any tours, however, would clash with the league season and the player has a watertight contract with the Super League.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 3 Philadelphia 1; Florida 3 Los Angeles 0; Atlanta 4 St Louis 1; Pittsburgh 5 Montreal 4; Houston 6 San Diego 4 (10 innings); Colorado 7 New York 6 (10 innings); Chicago 7 San Francisco 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 4 Texas 2; Oakland 6 Chicago 5; Boston 12 Kansas City 2; Cleveland 10 Toronto 0; Minnesota 11 Baltimore 4; Seattle 8 Milwaukee.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Harrow: Middlesex 382-4 dec; Yorkshire 211 and 244-4 (B Parker 65 not out, C A Chapman 57). Match drawn. Cleethorpes: Nottinghamshire 365-7; Glamorgan 192 and 231-6 (A W Evans 97) Match drawn. Bristol: Gloucestershire 308-3 dec and 262-8 dec (D R Hewson 104, K P Sheeraz 53, J Boiling 6-85) Durham 303-7 dec and 211 (D A Blenkiron 50; R P Davis 5-49). Gloucestershire won by 56 runs. Hinckley: Leicestershire 301-7 dec (D Stevens 63, P Whitticase 61 not out) and 80-1: Derbyshire 253 (M R May 62) Match drawn. The Oval: Surrey 357 (I J Ward 67, B C Hollioake 61, J A Knott 59 not out, A D Brown 57; S J Renshaw 4-63) and 198-7 dec (I J Ward 56, G J Kennis 52); Hampshire 275-9 (M J Thursfield 73, G W White 53, R W Nowell 4-65) Match drawn. Hove: Sussex 310 (J W Hall 92; M Amjad 7-103) and 156-6 dec (T A Radford 51 not out); Worcestershire 205 (A Lozan 52; J J Bates 4-64) and 47 (J J Bates 5-14). Sussex won by 214 runs. Walmley CC: Essex 242 (T P Hodgson 52; G Welch 4-85) and 217 (J J B Lewis 113; M D Edmond 5-56) Warwickshire 537-7 dec (D P Ostler 92, M J Powell 138, N V Prabhu 65, A Frost 87 not out, M D Edmond 61 not out). Warwickshire won by an innings and 78 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: (first day of two): Askam: Cumberland 240 (M G Scothern 56). Staffordshire 193-5. Kimbolton School: Cambridgeshire 139 (S A Kellett 51, T J A Scriven 5-49) and 48-0; Buckinghamshire 198-5 (R B Hurd 105 not out)

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Dinamo Minsk 0 (Belo) Bohemians (Ire) 0 (1-1 on agg. Dinamo Minsk win on away goals). Crusaders (N Ire) 2 Zalgiris Vilnius (Lith) 1 (Zalgiris Vilnius win 3-2 on agg). Skonto Riga (Lat) 3 Newtown (Wales) 0 (Skonto Riga win 7-1 on agg). Slovan Bratislava (Cz) 1 St Patrick's Athletic 0 (Slovan Bratislava win 5-3 on agg); Vojvodina (Yug) 4 Portadown (N Ire) 1 (Vojvodina win 5-1 on agg). Tiligul Tiraspol (Moldavia) 1 Dinamo '93 Minsk (Belo) 1 (Dinamo 93 win 4-2 on agg); Margveti Zestafoni (Geo) 0 Sliema Wanderers (Malta) 3 (Sliema Wanderers won 4-3 on agg); Khazri Buzovna (Azer) 2 Hutnik Krakow (Pol) 2 (Hutnik Krakow won 11-2 on agg). Tirana (Alb) 2 Croatia Zagreb (Cro) 6 (Croatia Zagreb won 10-2 on agg). Shirak Gyumri (Arm) 2 Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) 2 (Anorthosis Famagusta won 6-2 on agg). Gotu Itrottarfelag (Faeroe Islands) 0 FC Jazz (Fin) 1 (FC Jazz won 4-1 on agg); Vestmannaeyjar (Ice) 0 Lantana (Est) 0 (Lantana won 2-1 on agg); Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 3 Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 1 (Partizan won 4-1 on agg); CS Grevenmacher (Lux) 2 Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo) 2 (Dinamo Tbilisi win 6-2 on agg); FC Kosice (Slovakia) 2 Teuta Drac (Alb) 1 (FC Kosice won 6-2 on agg); Flora Tallinn (Est) 0 Haka (Fin) 1 (Haka won 3-2 on agg); Inkaras Grifas (Lith) 1 Slavia Sofia (Bul) 1 (Slavia won 5-4 on agg); Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul) 6 Neftchi Baku (Azer) 0 (Lokomotiv Sofia won 7-2 on agg); HJK Helsinki (Fin) 5 Pyunic Yerevan (Arm) 2 (HJK Helsinki won 6-5 on agg); Legia Warsaw (Pol) 3 Jeunesse Esch (Lux) 0 (Legia Warsaw won 7-2 on agg); Floriana (Malta) 1 Betar Jerusalem (Is) 5 (Betar Jerusalem won 8-2 agg); Hajduk Split (Cro) 2 Zimbru Chisinau (Mol) 1 (Hajduk Split won 6-1 on agg); Mura (Slovenia) 2 Becej (Yug) 0 (Mura won 2-0 on agg); Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) 4 Sandoyar (Faeroe Islands) 2 (Apoel won 9-3 on agg); Sileks (Macedonia) 1 Akranes (Ice) 0 (Akranes won 2-1 on agg). Vardar Skopje (Macedonia) 2 Hit Gorica (Slovenia) 1 (Vardar Skopje win 3-1 on agg)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Chesterfield 2 Nottingham Forest 1. Plymouth Argyle 0 Chelsea 3. Caernarfon 2 Wigan Athletic 2; Southend United 1 Motherwell 0; Dagenham and Redbridge 0 West Ham United 4; Ayr United 1 Luton Town 0; Sunderland 0 Steaua Bucharest 1. Aldershot 0 Fulham 1. Thackley 1 Bradford City 3. Enfield 0 Arsenal 1; Bray Wanderers 0 Norwich City 2. Crewe Alexandra 0 Liverpool 1. Waterford 0 Southampton 1. Queen of the South 1 Bolton Wanderers 3

UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Portugal 0 France 1 (at Epinal) Belgium 2 Hungary 1 (at Mulhouse) Group B: Italy 1 England 1 (at Rombas); Ireland 0 Spain 0 (at Florange)

GOLF

HILVERSUM, Holland: Dutch Open: Early leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 64: D Smyth. 65: D Feherty, J Van de Velde (Fr) 66: S Field, R Claydon 67: P O'Malley (Aus), P Price 68: S Richardson, R McFarlane, R Chapman, R Russell, C Cevaer (Fr) 69: C Hall, G Clark, I Pyman, J Hudson (US), S Luna (Sp), D Chopra (Swe), T Price (Aus), M Litton 70: P Nyman (Swe), F Roca (Spain), M Welch, S Hoch (US), S Torrance, M Gronberg (Swe), M Lanner (Swe), M Clayton (Aus), * M Lafeber (Holl), P Affleck, A Cabrera (Arg). 71: D Higgins, A Lebouc (Fr), C Van der Velde (Holl), C Rocca (It), S Ames (Trin), R Muntz (Holl), P Broadhurst, L Westwood, P Mitchell, J Spence, D Carter, A Sherborne, G Baruffaldi (It), J Bickerton, J Piñero (Sp), R Coles, D Howell, R Wechgelaer (Holl), M Mouland. 72: M Wills, B Pappas (SA), K Eriksson (Swe), P Baker, P Fowler (Aus), D Borrego (Sp), M Gates, N Briggs, G Chalmers (Aus), S McAllister 73: G Ralph, W Westner (SA), M McLean, N Faath (Swe), M Mackenzie, I Garrido (Sp), P Lawrie, J Lomas, D Robertson 74: F Valera (Sp), J Rivero (Sp), P Curry, S Lovey (Holl), A Kankkonen (Fin). * M van den Berg (Holl) 75: * N Kraay (Holl), G Brand Jr, R May (US), P Moloney (Aus), S Struver (Ger), S Tinning (Den), T Planchin (Fr), P Sjoland (Swe). * denotes amateur

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA imperial meeting: Australia match (300, 600, 900 and 1,000yd): 1, Great Britain 1,953.277pts; 2, Australia 1,910.232; 3, Canada 1,910.216 Individual Challenge Bowl: J Warburton (Huddersfield) 199.35. World veterans long range (900 and 1,000yd): 1, Great Britain 746.71 (A Clarke 97.13); 2, Australia 737.68; 3, South Africa 728.46. Burdwan Cup (services overall championship): 1, RAF 24 match points; 2, Regular Army 18; 3 TA 18. Gary Jones Trophy (school teams): 1, Gresham's 949.93; 2, Sevenoaks 942.93; 3, Cheltenham 933.88. Daily Mail Cup (500yd) Tie-shoot: 1, R Comns (Huddersfield) 50.10/25 3/5/4; 2, J Warburton (Huddersfield) 50.10/25 3/5/4; 3, P Weston (Kidderminster) 50.10/24.1. Mander Cup (police pistol teams): 1, South Yorks B 1,167; 2, South Yorks A 1,165. Inter-Services long range: 1, RAF 802.57; 2, RN 781.46; 3, Regular Army 769.43. Queen's Prize (first stage bronze medal): 1, D Armstrong (Old Guildfordians) 105.18; 2, W Richards (Gun Room Lizards) 105.17; 3, C Mallet (Jersey) 105.14 (91 scores of 100.14 counted out)

SQUASH

CAIRO: Junior men's world championship: Team event: Quarter-finals: England 3 Argentina 0 (England names first. L Beachill bt J G Keen 9-4, 9-1, 9-1; A Grant bt D de Bella 9-2, 9-0; P Allen bt J Banlan 9-0, 9-2, 9-3); Egypt 3 Wales 0 (Egypt names first: A Fazy bt M Benjamin 9-2, 9-6, 9-2; K El Mistikawi bt G Tippings 9-3, 9-4; A Shabana bt C Davies 9-4, 9-3, 9-1); Switzerland 2 Australia 1; Pakistan 3 Malaysia 0. Semi-final: England 2 Pakistan 1 (England names first: Beachill bt A Khan 7-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-0; J Russell lost to A Asmat 5-9, 4-9, 2-9; Grant bt K Shuja 9-7, 1-9, 10-9, 9-7). Ninth place play-offs: Holland 2 France 1; Finland 3 Hong Kong 0; Germany 3 New Zealand 0, Canada 2 United States 1. Lower place play-offs: Scotland 2, Austria 1 (Scotland names first: A Tasker bt G Schedlbauer 9-4, 9-7, 4-9, 9-6; C Small lost to A Fuchs 7-9, 3-9; D Knowles bt M Rossier 9-1, 9-5, 4-9, 9-7); South Africa 2 Spain 1, Singapore 3 Cyprus 0; Kuwait 2 Italy 1; India 2 Brazil 1; Nigeria 2 Singapore 1; Kenya 3 Bermuda 0

TENNIS

LTA COUNTY CUP: Men: Group one (Eastbourne): Surrey 5 Hampshire and Isle of Wight 4; Devon 5 Derbyshire 4; Yorkshire 7 Leicestershire 2. Group two (Cromer): Berkshire 6 Kent 3; Buckinghamshire 5 Lancashire 4; Essex 6 Dorset 3. Group three (Hunstanton): Warwickshire 7 Hertfordshire 2, West of Scotland 5 South Wales 4, Lincolnshire 5 Middlesex 4. Group four (Purley): Nottinghamshire 7 Wiltshire 2, Oxfordshire 5 Northamptonshire 4. Cambridgeshire 8 Somerset 1. Group five (Cambridge): Norfolk 5 Durham and Cleveland 4, Hereford and Worcester 6 Sussex 3, Cheshire 5 Avon 4, Sussex 6 Avon 3, Durham and Cleveland 8 Cheshire 1, Norfolk 5 Hereford and Worcester 4. Group six (Bude): North of Scotland 5 Cornwall 4; East of Scotland 6 Bedfordshire 3; Northumberland 5 Shropshire 4. Group seven (Southsea): Suffolk 5 Gloucestershire 4. Staffordshire 9 Cumbria 0; South of Scotland 8 Channel Islands 1, North Wales 8 Isle of Man 1. Women: Group one (Eastbourne): Middlesex 6 Warwickshire 3; Essex 8 Kent 1; Leicestershire 5 Surrey 4. Group two (Oxford): South Wales 6 Hertfordshire 3; Lancashire 7 Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2; Yorkshire 9 Sussex 0. Group three (Cheltenham): Norfolk 6 Berkshire 3; Staffordshire 8 Cambridgeshire 1; Oxfordshire 6 Lincolnshire 3. Group four (Worthing): Northamptonshire 6 Devon 3; Derbyshire 7 Cheshire 2. Bedfordshire 9 Buckinghamshire 0. Group five (Felixstowe): Durham and Cleveland 7 Gloucestershire 2; Hereford and Worcester 5 Dorset 4; North of Scotland 6 Northumberland 3. Group six (Exmouth): East of Scotland 5 Shropshire 4, West of Scotland 6 Wiltshire 4, Nottinghamshire 7 Suffolk 2. Group seven (East Molesey): Avon 8 South of Scotland 1; Cumbria 7 Channel Islands 2; Somerset 7 Avon 2; North Wales 5 Cumbria 4, Cornwall 5 South of Scotland 4; Channel Islands 5 Isle of Man 4.

KITZBÜHEL: Men's tournament: Second round: N Marques (Por) bt G Schaller (Austria) 7-6, 6-3; J-A Viloca (Sp) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; F Squillari (Arg) bt C Moya (Sp) 6-3, 6-4, N Kiefer (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; S Schalken (Holl) bt W Kowalski (Pol) 7-6, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; M Zabaleta (Arg) bt J Burillo (Sp) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum
LORD'S: England v Pakistan

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Kent
HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Essex
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Lancashire
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Sussex

11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Somerset

Tour match
11.0, first day of four
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v South Africa A

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day). Bournemouth SC: Hampshire v Worcestershire. Tring: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. The Oval: Surrey v Kent

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Wigan v Halifax Blue Sox (6.30)
Second division
York v Leigh Centurions (7.30)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Caernarfon v Blackburn Rovers, Cheltenham v Southampton; Scarborough v Bradford. Wycombe v Queens Park Rangers (7.45). Brighton v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45); Billericay v Southend (7.45).

STENA LINE TOURNAMENT: Glentoran v St Mirren (at Stranraer FC, 5.45); Stranraer v Crusaders (at Stranraer FC, 7.45).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British seniors' championship (Portrush); Guardian Irish Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30): Belle Vue v Middlesbrough; Oxford v Bradford; Peterborough v Wolverhampton.

TENNIS: Inter-county championships

SPORT IN BRIEF

Grant aids England's progress

ADRIAN GRANT rescued England again yesterday by winning the deciding third-string rubber of their world junior men's team squash championship semi-final with Pakistan in Cairo (Colin McQuillan writes).

Grant overcame Kashif Shuja 9-7, 1-9, 0-9, 9-7 to earn England an unexpected place in the final. "For a 15-year-old, he took the pressure so well," David Pearson, the England coach, said.

Earlier, John Russell had surrendered a 5-3 lead in his opening game against Ajaz Asmat before slipping to a 5-9, 4-9, 2-9 defeat. It took a determined 7-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-0 first-string win over Amjad Khan from Lee Beachill, of Barnsley, to put England back into the match.

Smyth's sweep

Golf: Des Smyth, of Ireland, conquered unseasonal cold and cloudy weather to establish a first-round lead in the Dutch Open at Hilversum yesterday. Smyth, who uses a broomhandle putter, shot a seven-under-par round of 64 that included seven birdies. He has a one-stroke lead over his countryman, David Feherty, also using a broomhandled putter, and Jean Van de Velde, of France.

Record for Gent

Shooting: Flight Lieutenant Andy Gent, a Royal Air Force pilot, won the Grand Aggregate Gold Cross, the overall championship of the Bisley imperial rifle meeting, with a record 597 points out of 605 in the ten leading events of the meet. He beat Flight Lieutenant Stuart Williamson into second place by three points.

Hamed returns

Boxing: Naseem Hamed will make the third defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship against Manuel Medina, of Mexico, in Dublin next month. Medina, 29, has boxed 59 times since turning professional. During that time, he has lost just seven bouts and held the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Council versions of the title.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (5f 6yd) 1, BIG BEN (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Hoh Dancer (K Darley, 4-6 fav); 3, Keen Waters (C Rutter, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 6 Danish Ayr (6th), Miss Barcelona (4th), 10 Comcrake (5th). 6 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, 1½l, ½l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.20; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £11.43

2.50 (1m 14yd) 1, YALTA (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2, Royal Result (J Reid, 14-1); 3, Fitfal (A Clark, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Santella Katie (4th), Summer Beauty (5th), 16 Thurstaston, 20 Infatuation (6th), 25 Classic Royale, Jeopardize, Ypsilanti, 100 Honeyshan, Young Rose. 12 ran. ½l, 3½l, 1¾l, ¾l, 5l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £4.50, £5.00. DF: £8.50 Trio: £46.40. CSF: £17.87

3.25 (7f 16yd) 1, RED CAMELLIA (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Yashmak (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 3, Lycility (B Doyle, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Gretel (6th). 5 Fernanda, 25 Rich In Love (5th), 33 Impetuous Air (4th). 7 ran. 2½l, 6l, 1l, hd, 7l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £12.70; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £11.00. CSF: £17.07.

4.00 (1m 6f) 1, PINE NEEDLE (B Thomson, 4-1); 2, Diego (B Doyle, 12-1); 3, Village King (J Reid, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Shu Gaa (4th). 4 Nikita's Star (5th), 7 Atlantic Mist (6th). 6 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, 10l, 9l, 16l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10; £2.80, £3.10. DF: £15.90. CSF: £38.69.

4.35 (5f 6yd) 1, CLAN CHIEF (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Mindrace (B Doyle, 7-2); 3, Pharaoh's Joy (D Wright, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Magic Mail (6th), 7 Dande Flyer (4th), 10 Stoney End, 16 Mijas (5th). 7 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 3l, 1½l, ¾l. J Arnold at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.67.

5.10 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, GUESSTIMATION (R Ffrench, 7-4 fav); 2, Windyedge (G Bardwell, 7-1); 3, Red Tie Affair (R Mullen, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Almuhtaram (4th), 7 Master M-E-N, Zahran (6th), 10 Shouldbegrey (5th). 7 ran. 3l, 2l, nk, nk, 1¼l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £3.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £13.45

Placepot: £57.90. Quadpot: £49.80.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (6f 209yd) 1, NORTHERN SUN (W Woods, 16-1); 2, Sharp Hat (W J O'Connor, Evens fav); 3, Aurelian (M Fenton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Triple Term (4th), 13-2 Regal Equity (6th), 8 Ball-Pet (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, nk, 3½l, 5l, 6l. T Mills at Epsom. Tote: £17.90; £6.40, £1.00. DF: £13.60. CSF: £32.34.

2.35 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, TOUT DE VAL (N Adams, 14-1); 2, Courbaril (W Woods, 6-1); 3, Nasser (N Carlisle, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Linda's Joy (refused to race), 9-2 Moving Up (4th), 6 Colour Counsellor (5th), 25 Boston Tea Party, 33 Mrs Keen (6th), Taylors Revival. 9 ran. 2l, 3l, 2l, 8l, 3l. K Bishop at Bridgwater. Tote: £14.80; £3.10, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £60.50. Trio: £137.10. CSF: £83.08. Tricast: £617.42

3.10 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, GENERAL GLOW (J F Egan, 15-2); 2, Khabar (H Bastiman, 9-2); 3, Pride Of Kashmir (F Norton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav He's Got Wings (5th), 11-2 On The Wildside, 6 Creeking (4th), 12 Efficacious (6th), 25 Sheilana, 33 Followthe Allstars, 40 Polish Lady. 10 ran. ½l, 2l, 1½l, shd, 2½l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £9.70; £1.70, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £12.60. Trio: £60.50. CSF: £37.42. Tricast: £168.12.

3.45 (7f 214yd) 1, FARMOST (W Woods, 7-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Passage Creeping (O Urbina, 6-1); 3, Law Dancer (Paul Eddery, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Possessive Artiste (4th), 7 Dungeon Princess, 8 Paint It Black (5th), 14 La Modiste (6th), Time For Tea. 8 ran. ½l, 3l, 2l, ½l, 1¼l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £11.76. Tricast: £96.27.

4.20 (6f 209yd) 1, BLOCKADE (M Fenton, 6-1); 2, Uncle George (P Robinson, 8-1); 3, Balance of Power (S Sanders, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Pearl Dawn (5th), 100-30 Jo Maximus, 10 Indrapura (6th), 16 Best Kept Secret, 25 Brass Tacks (4th), Venus Victorious, 33 Burnt Sienna, 40 Little Wobbly, Princesse Lyphard. 12 ran. Nk, 1½l, 1¼l, shd, 1¼l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £6.50; £1.60, £2.00, £4.10. DF: £25.30. Trio: £89.90. CSF: £50.49.

4.55 (5f 213yd) 1, CRYSTAL HEIGHTS (D Harrison, 9-2); 2, Mellors (S Sanders, 14-1); 3, Pride Of Hayling (N Varley, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Nattier (4th), 6 Marino Street (6th), Royal Carlton, 8 Fort Knox (5th), 66 Little Gent. 8 ran. Nk, 4l, 2l, ½l, shd. R O'Sullivan at Whitcombe. Tote: £5.70; £2.10, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £53.20. CSF: £54.67.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,576.11 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £1,098.10. Quadpot: £31.10.

Wednesday's late details

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

6.15 (1m 14yd) 1, Thatchmaster (Paul Eddery, 6-1); 2, Super Hero (14-1); 3, Tomal (9-1), 4, Little Kenny (12-1). Acquittal 11-2 fav. 18 ran. 1½l, ½l. C Horgan. Tote: £5.50; £1.40, £5.10, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £85.40. Trio: £148.90. CSF: £80.56. Tricast: £898.72.

6.45 (7f 16yd) 1, Tarski (Pat Eddery, 7-2 Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Shoumatara (10-1); 3, Party Romance (9-2). Royal Amaretto 6-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Bubbly. ¾l, sh hd. H Cecil. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £12.70. Trio: £22.00. CSF: £35.34.

7.15 (1m 6f) 1, Ballynakelly (S Sanders, 5-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Tudor Island (8-1); 3, Silktail (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Frozen Sea. 2½l, nk. R Akehurst. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £8.10. Trio: £9.60. CSF: £11.94. Tricast: £37.30.

7.45 (7f 16yd) 1, Catch The Lights (Dane O'Neill, 9-4 fav); 2, Nunsharpa (3-1); 3, Kings Harmony (11-4). 6 ran. Nk, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £9.27

8.15 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Evidence In Chief (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Domettes (10-1); 3, Oberons Boy (8-1). Lear Jet 10-11 fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. D Elsworth. Tote: £5.20; £2.60, £5.40. DF: £37.90. CSF: £36.93

8.45 (5f 6yd) 1, Squire Corrie (Gaye Harwood, 12-1); 2, Friendly Brave (15-2); 3, Jucea (11-2). Gone Savage 11-4 fav. 11 ran. Nk, hd. G Harwood. Tote: £16.60; £3.10, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £136.30. Trio: £344.80. CSF: £90.72. Tricast: £509.41. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

Jackpot: not won

Placepot: £237.30. Quadpot: £50.50.

Leicester

Going: good, good to soft in places

6.30 (5f 2yd) 1, Oeomental (A Mackay, 4-1 fav); 2, I Can't Remember (5-1); 3, Threeplay (11-1). 10 ran. ½l, 2l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £5.80; £2.50, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £11.00. Trio: £91.60. CSF: £24.17. Tricast: £196.32.

7.00 (1m 8yd) 1, Cointosser (W Woods, 8-11 fav); 2, Night Of Glass (14-1); 3, Home Cookin' (6-1). 14 ran. 1l, 5l. S Woods. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £16.70. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £14.14

7.30 (7f 9yd) 1, Goodwood Lass (W Carson, 100-30); 2, Blue Hopper (8-1); 3, Love Me Do (8-1). Select Star 5-2 fav. 13 ran. 2l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £2.30, £3.10. DF: £10.50. Trio: £19.70. CSF: £29.97.

8.00 (7f 9yd) 1, Angaar (M Roberts, 2-1); 2, Drummer Golf Time (7-4 fav); 3, Mister Joel (8-1). 5 ran. Sh hd, 2l. A Stewart. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.54

8.30 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Beauchamp Jade (G Carter, 11-8 fav); 2, Desert Frolic (7-4); 3, In The Money (15-2). 4 ran. NR: Dear Life. ¾l, 11l. H Candy. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.87.

9.00 (5f 2yd) 1, Marino Street (J Fortune, 2-1 fav); 2, Failed To Hit (6-1); 3, Chansse Dancer (4-1). 8 ran. 3½l, ½l. P Evans. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £13.94.

Placepot: £26.60.
Quadpot: £6.10.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.25 Real Gem. 2.55 Ethbaat. 3.25 Halebid. 4.00 Biscay. 4.30 Heavenly Miss. 5.00 Old School House.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.25 Halebid.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.25 GLADIATEUR HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,381: 5f) (8 runners)

1	4453	SOLO SYMPHONY 14 P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	R Havlin (5) 4
2	50-3	REAL GEM 20 P Makin 9-4	K Darley 7
3	0450	MARJORIE ROSE 5 A Bailey 9-2	D Wright (3) 1
4	6015	NAPIER STAR 11 (CD,BF,G) Mrs N Macauley 9-2	C Teague (3) 2
5	0000	KUSTOM KIT 15 (D,F) B McMahon 9-1	N Varley (3) 6
6	0110	PENNY PARKES 8 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 8-13	G Carter 5
7	0004	BOUTON D'OR 28 P Howling 8-8	F Norton 3
8	0-00	MARASCHINO 30 B Meehan 8-1	J F Egan 8

8-4 Real Gem, 7-2 Solo Symphony, 6-1 Napier Star, Penny Parkes, 7-1 Marjorie Rose 8-1 Bouton D'Or, 10-1 others

2.55 CARLING BLACK LABEL WELCOME HOME CLAIMING STAKES (£2,381: 1m 100yd) (13)

1		COLEBROOK LEADER J Bosley 4-9-12	C Rutter 12
2	6312	ETHBAAT 15 (CD,BF,F,G) W Muir 5-9-12	M Richards 13
3	5064	WHAT A NIGHTMARE 15 (V,CD,F,G) P Howling 4-9-4	F Norton 8
4	6602	MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 15 (F,G) Miss S Wilton 6-9-2	S Whitworth 5
5	0602	NORTHERN CELADON 20 (V,CD,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-2	S Drowne (3)
6	1	MIRANI 15 (C,G) D Murray Smith 3-8-13	K Darley 10
7	2485	STEADFAST ELITE 22 (B,S) J J O'Neill 5-8-13	F Lynch (3) 4
8	4-40	DOME PATROL 42 (D,G) D Burchell 5-8-12	S Copp (5) 11
9	5060	HEATHYARDS MAGIC 11 (C,G) M Dods 4-8-12	C Teague (3) 1
10	-001	CLINCHER CLUB 10 (F) M Johnston 3-8-11	T Williams 6
11	-200	QUEEN OF SHANNON 13 (B,S) A Carroll 8-8-9	M Tebbutt 7
12	3000	JALMAID 25 (C,D,G) B McMahon 4-8-7	L Newton (5) 3
13	0005	NICOLA'S PRINCESS 15 B McMahon 3-8-7	G Carter 9

3-1 Clincher Club, 9-2 Ethbaat, 5-1 Mirani, 6-1 Northern Celadon, 6-1 Steadfast Elite, 10-1 Mustn't Grumble, 12-1 What A Nightmare, 14-1 others

3.25 MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,378: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1	0606	LE SPORT 34 (C,G) A Bailey 9-7	D Wright (3) 10
2	0182	DEADLINE TIME 35 (S) Mrs M Reveley 9-4	K Darley 4
3	-006	JOHN-T 50 J Dunlop 9-2	G Carter 13
4	224	SUNSET WELLS 18 D Loder 8-11	D R McCabe 5
5	-611	HALEBID 11 (CD,G) S Woods 8-11 (5ex)	W Woods 7
6	446	VELMEZ 55 R Guest 8-9	P Bloomfield 8
7	4130	CHINA CASTLE 127 (C,G) P Haslam 8-9	M Tebbutt 1
8	4120	YEOMAN OLIVER 11 (C,G) B McMahon 8-9	L Newton (5) 6
9	5051	PHILISTAR 14 (G) J Eustace 8-3	T Sprake 12
10	-004	KINGFISHER BRAVE 20 (G) M Meagher 8-3	R Studholme (7) 3
11	2426	NOSE NO BOUNDS 11 (C,G) M Johnston 8-2	T Williams 2
12	550	WHISPERED MELODY 64 P Harris 8-2	G Hind 11
13	1550	DRAGONJOY 4 (C,G) N Littmoden 8-1	F Lynch (3) 9

3-1 Sunset Wells, 5-1 Halebid, 6-1 Deadline Time, John-T, 10-1 China Castle, Philistar, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Thirsk: 4.40 Mill End Lady. Wolverhampton: 4.00 Mrs McBadger. 5.00 Written Agreement.

4.00 JENNIFER SMART ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O £4,192: 6f) (13)

1	0-00	BELOW THE RED LINE 59 (V) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	C Teague (3) 2
2	4243	DOMAK AMAAM 16 (BF) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind 9
3	3	PEARL D'AZUR 41 (BF) D Loder 9-0	D R McCabe 4
4	50	SERIOUS SENSATION 18 M Prescott 9-0	W Woods 6
5	0	STACKATTACK 18 P Webber 9-0	W J O'Connor 7
6	30	WILLIE MILES 22 J Watts 9-0	N Connorton 11
7	3	BISCAY 88 R Charlton 8-9	T Sprake 10
8		FOREVERFREE R Marvin 8-9	F Norton 5
9	-560	MRS MCBADGER 29 (B) B Smart 8-9	M Tebbutt 12
10	00	MUJTAHIDA 55 R Armstrong 8-9	R Price 1
11	30	PRESS ON NICKY 45 W Muir 8-9	F Lynch (3) 3
12	5	TANGO TEASER 44 (BF) A Stewart 8-9	S Whitworth 8
13	5	TASHTAIYA 93 N Littmoden 8-9	T G McLaughlin 13

3-1 Pearl D'Azur, 4-1 Domak Amaam, 5-1 Biscay, 8-1 Tango Teaser, 10-1 Serious Sensation, Willie Miles, 12-1 others.

4.30 GERTRUDE RADCLIFFE FILLIES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,146: 6f) (8)

1	0012	ADVANCE REPRO 15 (B,F) J Akehurst 9-0	M Tebbutt 4
2	3332	ABSTONE QUEEN 2 P Evans 8-8	W J O'Connor 1
3	0043	DANCING STAR 15 (V) P Evans 8-8	G Hind 3
4	026	HEAVENLY MISS 14 B Palling 8-8	T Sprake 2
5	0	LOCHLORE 8 Miss K Whitehouse 8-8	S D Williams 7
6	420	SHANDANA 34 P Haslam 8-8	G Carter 6
7		SIMPLY BLESSED J Neville 8-8	F Norton 8
8	4	SKIPPY WAS A KIWI 35 A Jarvis 8-8	D Wright (3) 5

3-1 Advance Repro, 7-2 Heavenly Miss, 9-2 Shandana, 5-1 Abstone Queen, 6-1 Dancing Star, Skippy Was A Kiwi, 8-1 others.

5.00 PERSIMMON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,070: 2m 46yd) (10)

1	5610	IOTA 13 (CD,F,G,S) J L Harris 7-11-7	Mr G Woodward (7) 2
2	0003	STEVIE'S WONDER 4 (C,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-11-7	J L Llewellyn 3
3	-065	BROOM ISLE 4 (C,F,G) D Burchell 6-11-4	Miss E J Jones (4) 6
4	4-60	CHRIS'S LAD 38 (D,F,S) B Meehan 5-11-4	Miss J Allison 5
5	2032	HEIGHTH OF FAME 15 (G) A J Wilson 5-11-2	J Culloty 1
6	2015	GREEK NIGHT OUT 39 (F,G) (D) J Eyre 5-10-11	Miss Diana Jones 8
7	2332	MILNGAVIE 29J (CD,BF,F,G,S) B Smart 6-10-3	Miss V Marshall (4) 9
8	/00/	BOOGIE BOPPER 84J B Pearce 7-9-13	Mr J Goldstein (7) 4
9	3122	OLD SCHOOL HOUSE 34 (C,G) T Naughton 3-9-11	Mrs J Naughton (4) 7
10	0-00	WRITTEN AGREEMENT 17 (B) R Peacock 8-9-0	Mrs C Peacock (7) 10

5-2 Old School House, 4-1 Iota, 9-2 Greek Night Out, 5-1 Heighth Of Fame, 6-1 Steve's Wonder 8-1 Milngavie 10-1 Chris's Lad, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%. J Gosden, 7 from 17, 41.2%. R Charlton, 10 from 25, 40.0%. J Dunlop, 7 from 24, 29.2%. R Guest, 8 from 29, 27.6%. M Johnston, 39 from 156, 25.0%. Mrs M Reveley, 11 from 48, 22.9%.

JOCKEYS: W Woods, 17 winners from 74 rides, 23.0%. K Darley, 23 from 103, 22.3%. G Carter, 40 from 207, 19.3%. F Lynch, 14 from 94, 14.9%. T Sprake, 11 from 83, 13.3%. D Wright, 23 from 192, 12.0%. S Whitworth, 12 from 111, 10.8%.

☐ Bin Rosie registered a comfortable success in the listed Prix Jacques de Bremont at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday. The David Loder-trained gelding was in control throughout under Richard Hughes and came home by 2½ lengths from La Fra Angelico.

RACING

Injury rules Roberts out of Goodwood

By Julian Muscat

IT HAS been an unhappy 24 hours for Michael Roberts. The jockey learnt on Wednesday that he would not, after all, ride Pentire in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot tomorrow. But worse was to follow when Roberts fractured his left wrist in a fall at Sandown yesterday.

The South African, expected to be out for three weeks, was unseated from Honeyshan as he pulled up the filly after the Heathrow Maiden Stakes. The timing of the injury is cruel. It came just as Roberts was re-establishing himself after a late start to the British season. He is to miss Glorious Goodwood but hopes to return for the Ebor meeting at York.

The King George field was further depleted yesterday when Singspiel was ruled out of the contest with an abscess in his near foreleg. Anthony Stroud, racing manager to the colt's owner, Sheikh Mohammed, said the colt is expected to be back in tack next week. But the sheikh may yet be represented tomorrow by Swain, whose participation has been jeopardised by the prevailing fast ground.

On leaving Sandown, Stroud headed straight for Ascot to assess the state of the track. "Swain worked very well earlier in the week and we are keen to run," Stroud said. However, after walking the course, Stroud declined to announce a decision until he had contacted the colt's trainer, André Fabre.

In an age when just about every two-year-old winner is hyped beyond reason, a strange silence greeted Red Camellia after the filly had impressively lowered the track record in the Milcars Star Stakes at Sandown yesterday.

Red Camellia would have had bookmakers reaching frantically for their mobile telephones had she hailed from one of the big Newmarket stables. Although the graduate from Sir Mark Prescott's yard failed to earn a 1,000 Guineas quote, she may well force herself into the public eye in the Candelabra Stakes at Goodwood next month.

Opposed by six fillies, all previous winners, Red Camellia assumed command from the outset and never looked vulnerable to the challenge of Yashmak, the hot favourite. Further improvement should be forthcoming, and her paddock appearance suggested she has yet to fill her frame.

Prescott has demonstrated that he can mix it with the best of them. He produced Pivotal after a lengthy absence to win the King's Stand Stakes, and he almost conjured a stunning upset when Last Second harried Shake The Yoke home in the Coronation Stakes.

Doubtless the muted reception for Red Camellia had much to do with the trainer's well-documented inclination towards pessimism. "Mine would have been beaten if there was a group one filly in the race," he said.

Cheveley Park Stud, which owns Red Camellia, will not be impatient to find out. The Newmarket-based nursery also campaigns Dazzle, who dominates the betting for next season's 1,000 Guineas.

JULIAN HERBERT

Quinn guides Red Camellia to an emphatic victory in the Milcars Star Stakes at Sandown yesterday

Tedburrow can overcome penalty

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT

BBC2

2.15: The betting may offer the best guide. Mystique, Sleepless and Summerosa hold entries in the Cheveley Park Stakes and/or Lowther Stakes, but may be denied by Mayfair, a sister to the smart Magic Ring. Paul Cole's juveniles have been in good form all season, and the Whatcombe trainer has a fine first time out strike-rate. The Green Desert filly's homework suggests she should be involved in the finish.

2.45: Argyle Cavalier has not raced for 402 days but Pat Eddery is an interesting booking for the six-year-old, who is well handicapped on his best form. Hattaafeh, State Theatre and The Lad should improve over this trip, along with **Etterby Park**, who makes a quick reappearance after running Highflying to a head at Ripon on Saturday. That was over 12 furlongs and Mark Johnston's progressive three-year-old should be even better over this stiff two miles.

3.15: Sylva Paradise has only a 3lb penalty for his easy 3½ length success at Yarmouth on Tuesday and Clive Brittain's Stewards' Cup hope is sure to give a good account. Despite stepping back a furlong, he showed his effectiveness at the minimum trip behind Midnight Escape here last month.

However, preference is for **Tedburrow**, who won a stronger race at Newmarket last Saturday and has only a 3lb penalty. The useful David Griffiths is value for his 5lb claim. Double Quick has yet to reproduce last season's form, on which she is potentially well treated. Bolshoi, who did not enjoy the run of the race behind Tedburrow last time, looks a bigger danger.

3.50: Doubts about several of the runners make this tricky for punters. Richard Quinn is reunited with Crazy Chief, who is arguably the best handicapped, but on breeding is not certain to see out the extra quarter-mile.

Frezeliere did well to finish third behind Freedom Flame at Newmarket after a nine-week lay-off and may improve, but has not always looked the easiest of rides. Le Teteu improved when winning at Haydock last time, but that was over a mile on easier ground. In the circumstances, the lightly raced **Oops Pettie** is the choice. She is open to further improvement after a comfortable success at Chepstow.

RICHARD EVANS

THUNDERER

2.15 Mayfair
2.45 Etterby Park
3.15 Sylva Paradise
3.50 FIRBUR (nap)
4.25 Monza
5.00 Triple Leap

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Sylva Paradise.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST
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2.15 FOOD BROKERS MAIDEN STAKES

BBC2

(2-Y-O fillies £6,743: 6f) (6 runners)

101 (1) DANCING QUEEN (Mrs E Harris) M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton —
102 (6) MAYFAIR (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn —
103 (3) MY HERO (B Brown and P Pepper Partnership) T Mills 8-11 ... Paul Eddery —
104 (4) MYSTIQUE (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
105 (2) SLEEPLESS (Mrs A Scotney) N Graham 8-11 ... — —
106 (5) SUMMEROSA (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... J Reid —

BETTING: 6-4 Summerosa, 2-1 Mayfair, 5-1 Mystique, 6-1 Dancing Queen, 16-1 My Hero, Sleepless.

1995: BINT SHADAYID 8-11 W Carson (1-3 fav) J Dunlop 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANCING QUEEN (foaled Apr 21, cost 130,000gns). By Sadler's Wells, half-sister to Abury, 7f juvenile winner and Cheshire Oaks winner; dam 7f juvenile winner. MAYFAIR (Mar 2). By Green Desert, sister to high-class juvenile sprinter Magic Ring, dam 7f juvenile winner. MY HERO (Mar 15, 18,000gns). By Bluebird, half-sister to listed winner Ricciotti; dam multiple winner in Italy. MYSTIQUE (Apr 21, 52,000gns). By Mystiko, half-sister to juvenile sprint winners Cu Na Mara and Endless Wave; dam winning sprinter. SLEEPLESS (Apr 2, 280,000Fr). By Night Shift, half-sister to 7f juvenile winner Joie De Soir; dam maiden in France. SUMMEROSA (Mar 20). By Woodman, half-sister to 1m 2f winner Legal Right, smart juvenile Zind and Rose of Jericho, dam of Dr Devious; dam juvenile 6f winner.
No selection

2.45 P & O EUROPEAN FERRIES BROWN JACK HANDICAP (£11,235: 2m 45yd) (20 runners)

BBC2

201 (10) 610502 TOY PRINCESS 27 (F,G) (C Bodden) C Brittain 4-9-13 ... B Doyle 91
202 (11) 06/0-026 JERMYN STREET 6 (G) (J Bray) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-9 ... J Reid 91
203 (20) 346245 GOLDEN ARROW 38 (S) (Spinach Partnership) M Pipe 5-9-8 ... — 94
204 (15) 050312 TURGENEV 21 (B,BF,G,S) (Mrs B Taenzer) R Bastiman 7-9-4 ... Dale Gibson 94
205 (1) 01-0041 BOLIVAR 34 (B,CD,F,G) (BEL Leisure Ltd) R Akehurst 4-9-2 ... T Quinn 90
206 (6) 01/06/6 ZAJIRA 9 (S) (F Bush) P Eccles 6-9-1 ... T Ives —
207 (5) 23-0631 FRENCH IVY 28 (CD,F,G) (K Flood) F Murphy 9-8-13 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 92
208 (16) 0-25223 HATTAAFEH 48 (G) (Mrs P Sheen) Miss B Sanders 5-8-10 ... S Sanders 91
209 (14) 152320- ARGYLE CAVALIER 402 (D,F,G,S) (E Jones (Paints)) B Meehan 6-8-8 Pat Eddery 90
210 (8) 303131 GREAT ORATION 13 (D,F) (M Hetherington (Packaging)) F Watson 7-8-6 J Quinn 93
211 (18) 0-644 STATE THEATRE 29 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-4 ... D Holland 93
212 (7) 415141 THE LAD 15 (D,F,G) (Treberth Partnership) L Montague Hall 7-8-1 Martin Dwyer (5) 96
213 (4) 0060-52 REQUESTED 34 (CD,F,G) (Brookright Guarding) P Burgoyne 9-8-1 Declan O'Shea 92
214 (2) 006161 SARASOTA STORM 7 (F,S) (B Warren) M Bell 4-8-1 (3ex) ... M Fenton 99
215 (9) 20-0010 SOOJAMA 20 (B,D,F,G) (M Rogers) R Flower 6-8-0 ... D Biggs 96
216 (13) 131112 ETTERBY PARK 6 (BF,F,G,S) (G Middlebrook) M Johnston 3-7-13 ... J Fanning [illegible]
217 (12) 6/00005 AUDE LA BELLE 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) S Knight 8-7-10 ... G Bardwell 95
218 (19) 330-503 RISING SPRAY 13 (J Heritage) C Horgan 5-7-10 ... Amanda Sanders (5) 95
219 (3) 500-000 SHAHRANI 8J (A Helaissi and Mr S Helaissi) M Pipe 4-7-10 ... N Carlisle 88
220 (17) 000006 GENTLEMAN SID 24 (D,F) (Miss J Colliass) P Murphy 6-7-10 ... N Adams —

Long handicap: Shahrani 7-7, Gentleman Sid 7-3.

BETTING: 9-2 Bolivar, 7-1 French Ivy, Etterby Park, 10-1 Turgenev, Great Oration, 12-1 Sarasota Storm, Golden Arrow, 14-1 Jermyn Street, 16-1 Soojama, The Lad, Requested, 18-1 others

1995: HIGHFLYING 9-9-11 J Tate (11-2 fav) G Moore 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOY PRINCESS ¾l 2nd of 11 to Ballynakelly in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). TURGENEV short-head 2nd of 7 to Welsh Mill in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). BOLIVAR beat REQUESTED (7lb better off) 3½l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with FRENCH IVY (5lb better off) 1½l 3rd and GENTLEMAN SID (12lb better off) 10l 11th. FRENCH IVY beat Hullbank 3l in 7-runner handicap at Beverley (2m, good to firm) with SARASOTA STORM (4lb better off) 7½l 6th. GREAT ORATION beat Teen Jay 2½l in 13-runner handicap at Chester (2m, good to firm) with AUDE LA BELLE (7lb better off) 6l 5th.
THE LAD beat Victoria's Secret 5l in 7-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, good to firm). SARASOTA STORM beat Sharp Sensation 2½l in 10-runner handicap at Musselburgh (1m 7f, good to firm). ETTERBY PARK head 2nd of 8 to Highflying in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm).
Selection: BOLIVAR

3.15 JACKMAN'S GARDEN CENTRE RATED HANDICAP

BBC2

(£15,550: 5f) (9 runners)

301 (7) 251006 DOUBLE QUICK 20 (D,F,G,S) (2nd Middleham Par'ship) M Johnston 4-9-7 ... — 98
302 (2) 41-1306 DASHING BLUE 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 3-9-2 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 90
303 (6) 042421 TEDBURROW 6 (D,F,G) (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 4-8-13 (3ex) D Griffiths (5) 98
304 (3) 0300-00 GO HEVER GOLF 48 (D,F,G) (Hever Racing Club I) T Naughton 4-8-9 Paul Eddery 89
305 (1) 0-20546 MARL 20 (D,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 3-8-7 ... T Quinn 90
306 (9) 225410 BOLSHOI 6 (B,D,BF,F) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 4-8-7 ... Emma O'Gorman 93
307 (5) 335110 SO INTREPID 13 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 94
308 (8) 400-040 CROFTERS CEILIDH 14 (D,F) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 4-8-7 ... J Reid 89
309 (4) 024321 SYLVA PARADISE 3 (F,S) (Eddy Grimstead Honda) C Brittain 3-8-5 (3ex) B Doyle [illegible]

Long handicap: Bolshoi 8-5, So Intrepid 8-5, Crofters Ceilidh 8-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Sylva Paradise, 7-2 Tedburrow, 5-1 Double Quick, 6-1 So Intrepid, 13-2 Bolshoi, 7-1 Marl, 14-1 Dashing Blue, Crofters Ceilidh, 16-1 Go Hever Golf.

1995: NAME THE TUNE 4-8-9 Paul Eddery (6-1) P Howling 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DASHING BLUE 5½l 3rd of 5 to Farhana in listed handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft). TEDBURROW beat Lago Di Varano ½l in 14-runner handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with BOLSHOI (1lb better off) 2½l 7th. MARL 3½l 4th of 12 to To The Roof in listed handicap at Epsom (5f, good to soft) with DOUBLE QUICK (1lb better off) 1l 5th. BOLSHOI beat Just Dissident 4l in 10-runner handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm). SO INTREPID beat Sea-Deer neck in 11-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, good to firm). SYLVA PARADISE beat Cross Of Valour 3½l in 6-runner handicap at Yarmouth (6f, firm).
Selection: TEDBURROW (nap)

Nap: TEDBURROW (3.15 Ascot)
Next best: Etterby Park (2.45 Ascot)

3.50 HEATHORNS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

BBC2

(3-Y-O: £8,559: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

401 (4) 602-123 FREZELIERE 16 (F) (Lord Chelsea) J Dunlop 9-7 ... J Reid 95
402 (1) 4-64006 KALA SUNRISE 15 (F) (A Needham) C Smith 9-5 ... R Hughes 91
403 (3) 202-160 ROSES IN THE SNOW 17 (F) (G Howard-Spink) J Hills 9-5 ... B Thomson 85
404 (9) 6-00255 EXALTED 14 (G) (Mrs F Watts) M Prescott 9-2 ... S Sanders [illegible]
405 (10) 534124 CRAZY CHIEF 46 (BF,G) (D Simpson) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 98
406 (5) 501 OOPS PETTIE 24 (D,F) (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 8-12 ... A Clark 90
407 (8) 21-4620 DAUNTING DESTINY 16 (F) (Gold Buster Syndicate) R Hannon 8-8 Dane O'Neill (3) 98
408 (6) 0-005 FIRBUR 28 (P Jacobs) N Graham 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 94
409 (7) 552314 WHITE PLAINS 21 (D,F) (Dein Ltd) M Bell 8-4 ... M Fenton 91
410 (2) 0-0001 LE TETEU 49 (G) (Mrs J Woods) Bob Jones 8-1 ... Dale Gibson 92

BETTING: 3-1 Frezeliere, 9-2 Oops Pettie, 5-1 Crazy Chief, 6-1 White Plains, 7-1 Le Teteu, 8-1 Exalted, Daunting Destiny, 16-1 others.

1995: RIVER KEEN 8-6 W Carson (14-1) R Armstrong 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FREZELIERE 3l 3rd of 13 to Freedom Flame in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with DAUNTING DESTINY (4lb better off) 8l 12th. EXALTED head 2nd of 11 to Pleasant Surprise in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to soft) with KALA SUNRISE (5lb better off) 30l 8th. CRAZY CHIEF 2¾l 4th of 6 to Select Few in rating related stakes at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). OOPS PETTIE beat Rauzo 2l in 10-runner maiden at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). FIRBUR 2¼l 5th of 10 to Reimel in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). WHITE PLAINS 1¾l 4th of 10 to Amaah in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). LE TETEU beat Yeoman Oliver 4l in 12-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, good).
Selection: FREZELIERE

4.25 DELOITTE & TOUCHE EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,808: 7f) (5 runners)

501 (5) MONZA (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid —
502 (2) 2 MUSHEER 22 (BF) (Ballcoll Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 95
503 (3) NORMAN CONQUEST (R Scully) I Balding 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
504 (4) 32 SILVER WIDGET 13 (BF) (E & W Robins) R Charlton 9-0 ... S Sanders [illegible]
505 (1) SNOW PARTRIDGE (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn —

BETTING: 2-1 Monza, 3-1 Musheer, 4-1 Silver Widget, 5-1 Norman Conquest, Snow Partridge.

1995: JARAH 9-0 W Carson (8-1) B Hanbury 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONZA (foaled Apr 12). By Woodman, half-brother to useful Irish 7f-1m 5f winner Esprit D'Etoile; dam 6f-1m winner. MUSHEER 4l 2nd of 6 to Brave Act in maiden at Ayr (7f, good to soft). NORMAN CONQUEST (Apr 1, cost 105,000gns). By Miswaki, half-brother winners including useful American performer Smackover Creek and French winner Salvora; dam multiple winner in America. SILVER WIDGET ¾l 2nd of 15 to Sandstone in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). SNOW PARTRIDGE (Mar 10). By Arctic Tern, half-brother to useful French middle-distance performer Lowell, dam French middle-distance winner.
Selection: SILVER WIDGET

5.00 P & O CRUISES MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £7,003: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

601 (5) 654 CHABROL 64 (T Connors) R Harris 9-0 ... A Daly (5) 96
602 (2) 03 LLYSWEN 11 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... B Thomson 92
603 (8) 33 SERENUS 22 (E & W Robins) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... B Doyle [illegible]
604 (6) TRIPLE LEAP (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... Pat Eddery —
605 (9) 43 KIDSTON LASS 18 (R Bradley) J Toller 8-9 ... S Sanders 94
606 (3) 0 MISS ROMANCE 18 (R Tooth) Miss G Kelleway 8-9 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 83
607 (1) 6 NAMOUNA 55 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... J Reid 91
608 (7) 2 TA AWUN 64 (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 ... W Carson 90
609 (4) 0 TRICK 16 (Lady Halifax) L Cumani 8-9 ... O Urbina 84

BETTING: 9-4 Triple Leap, 9-2 Ta Awun, 5-1 Serenus, 11-2 Namouna, 6-1 Llyswen, 10-1 Trick, 12-1 Kidston Lass, 25-1 Miss Romance, 33-1 Chabrol.

1995: PRIZE PUPIL 9-0 M Roberts (13-2) C Wall 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

LLYSWEN 5½l 3rd of 12 to Dalius in maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). SERENUS neck and 4l 3rd of 8 to Quayside in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good to firm).
KIDSTON LASS 6l and short-head 3rd of 14 to Flying Green in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). NAMOUNA 7½l 6th of 18 to Balalaika in maiden at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm)
TA AWUN 2½l 2nd of 7 to North Song in maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft) with CHABROL 16l 4th.
Selection: LLYSWEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	5	18	27.8	Pat Eddery	33	234	14.1
J Toller	3	12	25.0	W Carson	31	233	13.3
J Dunlop	26	130	20.0	T Quinn	23	174	13.2
R Akehurst	12	71	16.9	J Reid	22	209	10.5
M Johnston	11	66	16.7	Only qualifiers			
A Stewart	4	25	16.0				

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THUNDERER

2.05 Show Off. 2.35 Ned's Bonanza. 3.05 Frog. 3.40 Hen Harrier. 4.10 Intidab. 4.40 Dil Dil. 5.10 Thatched.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 CHEEKY CHAPPY.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,363: 6f) (6 runners)

1 6 FLAMMA VESTALIS 18 J Dunlop 8-11 ... J Weaver 1
2 4 NAWASHA 35 J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 6
3 2 PRINCESS TOPAZ 11 C Cyzer 8-11 ... G Duffield 4
4 SARTEANO J Mackie 8-11 ... D McKeown 3
5 0 SHERZETTO 16 J Fanshawe 8-11 ... D Harrison 5
6 6 SHOW OFF 91 (BF) W Jarvis 8-11 ... A McGlone 2

6-4 Princess Topaz, 9-4 Show Off, 4-1 Nawasha, 6-1 Flamma Vestalis, 16-1 Sherzetto, 20-1 Sarteano

2.35 TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS HANDICAP

(£3,782: 6f) (11)

1 0302 TILER 5 (D,F,S) M Johnston 4-10-0 ... J Weaver 8
2 2033 BENZOE 13 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-13 ... J Fortune 7
3 4640 HERE COMES A STAR 13 (CD,F,G) J Carr 8-9-10 A Culhane 3
4 1531 CHEEKY CHAPPY 2 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-7 (7ex) G Duffield 6
5 4354 COMIC FANTASY 9 (F) M Wane 3-9-6 ... D Harrison 1
6 -650 PLAYMAKER 28 (G) D Nicholls 3-9-2 ... Alex Greaves 10
7 4310 NED'S BONANZA 9 (CD,BF,F,G) M Dods 7-9-0 (7ex) J Carroll 5
8 -600 GRAND CHAPEAU 13 (F) D Nicholls 4-8-8 ... J Bramhill (7) 9
9 0042 LUCKY REVENGE 4 M Meade 3-8-8 ... D Sweeney (7) 11
10 1232 DOMINELLE 10 (F) (D) T Easterby 4-8-1 ... L Charnock 2
11 560- OLIFANTSFONTEIN 350 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholls 8-7-11 J Lowe 4

3-1 Cheeky Chappy, 4-1 Benzoe, 6-1 Tiler, Dominelle, 7-1 Ned's Bonanza, 8-1 Lucky Revenge, 10-1 Comic Fantasy, 12-1 others.

3.05 ROYAL ARTILLERY HERITAGE HANDICAP

(£3,678: 1m 4f) (4)

1 2403 FIELD OF VISION 8 (F,G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-10 J Weaver 4
2 1111 FROG 7 (F) M Prescott 3-9-2 (5ex) ... G Duffield 2
3 3540 REINHARDT 17 J Wainwright 3-8-13 ... J Bramhill (7) 3
4 5214 ALWARQA 31 (F) D Nicholls 3-8-4 ... J Lowe 1

4-7 Frog, 7-2 Field Of Vision, 9-2 Alwarqa, 12-1 Reinhardt.

3.40 DUNNINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,503: 7f) (6)

1 01 UNION TOWN 20 (F) M Prescott 8-13 ... G Duffield 3
2 25 JIB JAB 91 D Nicholls 8-11 ... Alex Greaves 5
3 21 HEN HARRIER 23 (D,F) J Dunlop 8-10 ... J Weaver 4
4 NORBRECK HOUSE J Berry 8-8 ... J Carroll 6
5 5214 NOSTALGIC AIR 17 (BF,F) E Weymes 8-8 ... D Harrison 1
6 1 AVINALARF 29 (D,F) W G M Turner 8-6 ... D McKeown 2

7-4 Hen Harrier, 3-1 Union Town, 9-2 Nostalgic Air, 8-1 Jib Jab, 8-1 Norbreck House, Avinalarf.

4.10 HUTTON WANDESLEY MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,826: 7f) (7)

1 43- INTIDAB 331 J Gosden 9-0 ... R Hills 7
2 MYSTICAL MIND D Nicholls 9-0 ... Alex Greaves 5
3 00 ROAD RACER 18 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... N Kennedy 1
4 0 SALINSKY 23 J Berry 8-9 ... P Roberts (5) 4
5 CLASSIC FORM R Harris 8-9 ... A Mackay 2
6 000- ELLE MAC 306 M Bielby 8-9 ... D McKeown 6
7 0 TOLEPA 11 J J O'Neill 8-9 ... J Weaver 3

4-6 Intidab, 5-1 Mystical Mind, 6-1 Road Racer, Salinsky, 10-1 others.

4.40 HABTON SELLING HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,548: 1m) (16)

1 0525 LILA PEDIGO 21 (B) Miss J Craze 9-7 ... A Mackay 2
2 0335 BORN A LADY 10 (B,G) S Bowring 9-7 ... D McKeown 3
3 2022 SIS GARDEN 8 (B) T Easterby 9-4 ... M Birch 13
4 6060 PATRIO 23 S Williams 9-2 ... D Harrison 12
5 2000 DOMOOR 24 (D,G) M Johnston 9-2 ... J Weaver 1
6 6065 GLOBE RUNNER 9 J J O'Neill 9-2 ... G Duffield 9
7 0602 DIL DIL 6 (F) W Haggas 9-1 ... C Webb (7) 4
8 0000 POLISH SAGA 22 M Dods 9-0 ... L Charnock 16
9 5000 OKOBANG 4 (B) J Fitzgerald 8-10 ... — 15
10 0-00 LA FANDANGO 21 M W Easterby 8-10 ... Alex Greaves 10
11 -000 MILL END LADY 21 (B) M W Easterby 8-9 ... G Parkin (5) 8
12 6500 ERPETITE 22 (D,G) N Bycroft 8-8 ... J Lowe 7
13 6-04 COMMON DIVINE 171 C Murray 8-7 ... M Baird (5) 14
14 0550 LAHIK 16 (V) K Ivory 8-3 ... C Adamson (5) 5
15 0005 BELACQUA 18 (B) D Chapman 8-1 ... N Kennedy 11
16 0300 ECCENTRIC DANCER 39 (B) M Bielby 8-0 Darren Moffatt (3) 6

5-1 Sis Garden, 6-1 Dil Dil, 8-1 Lila Pedigo, 10-1 Globe Runner, Belacqua, Erpetite, 12-1 others.

5.10 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,777: 1m) (8)

1 2061 MOVE WITH EDES 20 (F) W G M Turner 4-10-0 ... G Hannon 6
2 0415 ANONYM 6 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-8-9 ... Carol Davison 3
3 0054 FLAG FEN 6 (G,S) M Meade 5-9-7 ... Claire Angell (8) 2
4 -211 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 21 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 9-9-0 T Siddall (5) 1
5 5331 THATCHED 4 (D,F) R Barr 6-8-11 (6ex) ... P Doe 5
6 0-40 OSCAR ROSE 29 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 ... C Cogan (3) 8
7 56-0 UPEX LE GOLD TOO 45 (C,F) L Lloyd-James 4-7-11 ... C Lowther 4
8 /0-5 WACKY 2 W Storey 5-7-10 ... Jenny Benson 7

5-2 Thatched, 11-4 Move With Edes, 9-2 Flag Fen, 5-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 8-1 Anonym, 8-1 Upex Le Gold Too, 10-1 others.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

6.15 My Emma. 6.45 Angus-G. 7.15 Teraab. 7.45 Castlerea Lad. 8.15 Retoto. 8.45 Galine.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.15 MY EMMA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.15 HUNDON MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,386: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 (5) CONGO MAN M Stoute 9-0 ... T Quinn —
2 (1) 35 GINGER FOX 44 (BF) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 78
3 (4) KALA NOIRE G Harwood 9-0 ... A Clark —
4 (6) 26 TAHAROA 11 J Gosden 9-0 ... A McGlone 74
5 (3) D- FLAMANDS 302 L Cumani 8-9 ... R Ffrench (7) —
6 (2) 0-5 MY EMMA 20 R Guest 8-9 ... K Darley [illegible]
7 (7) 5 QUINELLA 25 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... R Perham —

4-5 My Emma, 4-1 Ginger Fox, 8-1 Congo Man, Taharoa, 10-1 Flamands, 12-1 Quinella, 25-1 Kala Noire.

6.45 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP

(£4,581: 1m 2f) (8)

1 (3) 06-0 NORTHERN LAW 7 (F) John Berry 4-9-12 ... M Fenton 90
2 (2) 5303 ANGUS-G 34 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 ... K Darley 98
3 (6) 6320 FAHS 16 (BF,G) R Akehurst 4-9-8 ... S Sanders [illegible]
4 (7) 310- ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 133J (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-3 G Lee (5) 92
5 (8) 0253 FORMIDABLE PARTNER 16 R Armstrong 3-8-11 ... — 88
6 (1) 0606 ADVANCE EAST 42 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-8 ... J Fortune 93
7 (5) 0204 ZAALEFF 21 (B) B Hanbury 4-8-2 ... M Rimmer 90
8 (4) 2501 NELLY'S COUSIN 11 (F) N Callaghan 3-8-1 (5ex) Martin Dwyer (5) 94

7-4 Angus-G, 7-2 Fahs, 4-1 Formidable Partner, 7-1 Advance East, 10-1 Zaaleff, Once More For Luck, 12-1 others.

7.15 SNOWDENS MARQUEES MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,464: 6f) (7)

1 (3) 0 LUDO 7 R Hannon 9-0 ... R Hughes 85
2 (1) 0 MOTCOMBS CLUB 9 N Callaghan 9-0 ... — 82
3 (6) SPANIARD'S MOUNT M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson —
4 (5) TERAAB J Gosden 9-0 ... A Garth —
5 (2) 00 ULTRA BOY 21 P Haslam 9-0 ... J Fortune 80
6 (7) HIRASAH B Armstrong 8-9 ... W Carson —
7 (4) 6 LITERARY 16 J Gosden 8-9 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]

6-4 Literary, 3-1 Teraab, 4-1 Hirasah, 8-1 Spaniard's Mount, 10-1 Ludo, 14-1 Motcombs Club, 20-1 Ultra Boy.

7.45 BAILEYS IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR HANDICAP (£7,440: 6f) (9)

1 (2) 0266 SILENT EXPRESSION 7 (C,D,F,G) B Meehan 6-8-10 B Doyle 93
2 (8) 0-10 MY CADEAUX 14 (CD,F) R Guest 4-9-9 ... — 92
3 (6) 0300 CASTLEREA LAD 25 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-9-4 F Lynch (3) 93
4 (7) 0052 MR BERGERAC 7 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 5-9-3 ... T Sprake 98
5 (1) 3656 FAME AGAIN 25 (BF,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1 ... J Fortune 97
6 (4) 12- TRAFALGAR LADY 290 (D,S) R Charlton 3-8-13 ... K Darley 93
7 (5) 0313 CIM BOM BOM 7 (V,D,F,S) M Bell 4-8-11 ... G Faulkner (7) [illegible]
8 (9) 0134 JERRY CUTRONA 18 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-8-6 ... Pat Eddery 92
9 (3) 6556 PAGEBOY 10 (D,F,G) P Haslam 7-7-12 ... W Carson 95

7-2 My Cadeaux, 5-1 Trafalgar Lady, Mr Bergerac, 6-1 Silent Expression, Fame Again, 8-1 Cim Bom Bom, 10-1 Castlerea Lad, 14-1 others.

8.15 HARGRAVE NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £4,854: 7f) (12)

1 (5) 103 LAMORNA 13 (F) M Channon 9-7 ... A Eddery (7) 95
2 (1) 13 SMART BOY 31 (F) P Cole 9-3 ... David O'Neill (7) 94
3 (3) 0250 BOLD ORIENTAL 15 N Callaghan 9-1 ... F Lynch (3) 89
4 (10) 541 MY BELOVED 27 (F) R Hannon 8-12 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 96
5 (6) 434 SUPERQUEST 44 W O'Gorman 8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman 88
6 (8) 4424 DOWRY 13 R Hannon 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 97
7 (4) 4212 IRISH FICTION 21 (D,F) D Cosgrove 8-9 ... L Newton (5) 97
8 (11) 2621 OUR KEVIN 11 (V,D,G) K McAuliffe 8-9 (5ex) D R McCabe 92
9 (12) 0334 FAN OF VENT-AXIA 16 C Allen 8-5 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 95
10 (2) 0625 NINTH SYMPHONY 17 P Haslam 8-4 ... W Carson [illegible]
11 (9) 21 RETOTO 22 (F) B McMath 7-12 ... J Quinn 97
12 (7) 5521 DON'T FORGET SHOKA 60 (G) J Moore 7-11 ... J F Egan 88

4-1 My Beloved, 9-2 Lamorna, 5-1 Bold Oriental, 7-1 Smart Boy, 8-1 Superquest, Dowry, 10-1 Retoto, 12-1 others

8.45 SAWSTON CONDITIONS STAKES

(£5,256: 5f) (6)

1 (4) 1263 SEA-DEER 6 (CD,F,G,S) C Dwyer 7-8-13 ... F Lynch (3) 85
2 (2) 5503 YA MALAK 13 (D,F,G,S) J Payne 5-8-13 ... B Thomson 97
3 (6) -005 MUBHIJ 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) B Hills 3-8-9 ... W Carson [illegible]
4 (1) 3205 WARNING TIME 7 (D,F,G) B Meehan 3-8-9 ... B Doyle 98
5 (2) 4154 GALINE 6 (CD,F,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-4 Emma O'Gorman 94
6 (5) 0456 MAID FOR THE HILLS 13 (V,C,F,G) D Loder 3-8-4 Pat Eddery 93

11-4 Mubhij, 3-1 Ya Malak, 7-2 Galine, 5-1 Sea-Deer, 6-1 Warning Time, 7-1 Maid For The Hills.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

6.30 Arcatura. 7.00 Bangles. 7.30 Compact Disc. 8.00 Milford Sound. 8.30 Needle Match. 9.00 Marsayas.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 NOTTINGHAM FOREST EURO '96 SELLING STAKES (£2,070: 1m 1f 213yd) (11 runners)

1 -042 ACTION JACKSON 22 B McMath 4-9-6 ... G Bardwell 5
2 -056 ARCATURA 88 (BF) C James 4-9-6 ... M Wigham 4
3 FARFEN C Dwyer 4-9-6 ... T G McLaughlin 1
4 0005 KAMA SIMBA 8 (B,C,F) J White 4-9-6 ... S Drowne (3) 3
5 0130 OWDBETTS 16 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-9-1 ... S Whitworth 8
6 2034 SIMAND 23 (F,G) G Moore 4-9-1 ... D Holland 6
7 -060 FLYING HAROLD 15 M Channon 3-8-10 ... P P Murphy (5) 2
8 0000 BRIGHT PET 18 Mrs S Smith 3-8-5 ... P Bloomfield 9
9 0 CAMERON EDGE 18 A Mulholland 3-8-5 ... G Hind 10
10 405 LEBEDINSKI 18 Mrs P Sly 3-8-5 ... A Culhane 11
11 3500 YUPPY GIRL 17 Capt J Wilson 3-8-5 ... M Henry (3) 7

7-2 Owdbetts, 9-2 Action Jackson, 5-1 Arcatura, 6-1 Lebedinski, 8-1 Kama Simba, Simand, 10-1 Flying Harold, 12-1 others.

7.00 NOTTINGHAM FOREST SHAREHOLDERS LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 5f 13yd) (9)

1 5031 DAHIYAH 28 (V,F,G) D Williams 5-9-6 ... D Holland 8
2 0461 SHASHI 20 (B,D,F) W Haigh 4-9-2 ... S Whitworth 7
3 5-05 WINDRUSH BOY 6 (D,F) J Bosley 6-9-2 ... Aimee Cook (5) 5
4 0134 GWESPYR 8 (D,G) J Berry 3-9-1 ... J Carroll 1
5 6202 VAX NEW WAY 15 (B,G) J Spearing 3-9-1 ... S Drowne (3) 6
6 -004 BANGLES 18 (D,BF,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-13 D Harrison 9
7 0320 PREMIUM GIFT 14 (D,G) C Booth 4-8-13 ... M Birch 4
8 00-6 SUPREME DESIRE 24 (D,F,G,S) Miss J Craze 8-8-13 N Connorton 3
9 4350 PLEASURE TIME 21 (B,D,F) C Smith 3-8-12 ... C Teague (3) 2

3-1 Premium Gift, 4-1 Bangles, 5-1 Gwespyr, 6-1 Dahiyah, Vax New Way, 7-1 Shashi, 8-1 Pleasure Time, 10-1 others.

7.30 FRANK CLARK MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,468: 5f 13yd) (10)

1 44 CHEROKEE FLIGHT 6 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... S Drowne (3) 2
2 002 COLONEL'S PRIDE 18 R Whitaker 9-0 ... D McKeown 3
3 6242 SUITE FACTORS 15 J Glover 9-0 ... S D Williams 9
4 6 TORONTO 49 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 1
5 3 BLUES QUEEN 7 M Channon 8-9 ... P P Murphy (5) 8
6 5 COMPACT DISC 10 M Johnston 8-9 ... J Weaver 5
7 6 FLY-GIRL 13 B Baugh 8-9 ... A Culhane 10
8 43 RIVONIA 35 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 ... N Kennedy 7
9 3 SELECT LADY 34 A Jarvis 8-9 ... D Harrison 6
10 5 TRULYFAN 37 R Fahey 8-9 ... G Cooksley 4

9-4 Blues Queen, 9-2 Suite Factors, 5-1 Rivonia, 6-1 Colonel's Pride, 7-1 Compact Disc, 8-1 Cherokee Flight, 12-1 Trulyfan, 14-1 others.

8.00 NOTTINGHAM FOREST TRENT END MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,234: 1m 54yd) (6)

1 60- FIRLE PHANTASY 303 P Calver 9-0 ... M Birch 5
2 LONGANO BAY J Pearce 9-0 ... G Bardwell 1
3 0-43 MILFORD SOUND 18 J Fanshawe 9-0 ... D Harrison 3
4 00 TOPUP 11 J Hills 9-0 ... M Henry (3) 2
5 80 LADY BENSON 18 D Cosgrove 8-9 ... G Carter 6
6 45 TONIC CHORD 13 J Fanshawe 8-9 ... N Varley (3) 4

2-5 Milford Sound, 5-1 Firle Phantasy, 7-1 Tonic Chord, 10-1 Longano Bay, 12-1 Lady Benson, 20-1 Topup

8.30 STUART PEARCE HANDICAP

(£3,534: 1m 54yd) (14)

1 -610 GLOWING JADE 86 (D,F,G) J Glover 6-9-12 ... G Carter 6
2 0400 ARTFUL DANE 20 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-9 ... J Carroll 3
3 0333 KID ORY 9 (G) P Calver 5-9-6 ... M Birch 14
4 0-02 JUST HARRY 8 (CD,F,G) M Ryan 5-9-4 ... M Baird (5) 5
5 0600 CAPTAIN'S DAY 31 (F,G) T Mills 4-9-4 ... J Reid 10
6 5542 SET THE FASHION 20 (V,D,F,G,S) D Williams 7-8-11 D Holland 9
7 5005 NEEDLE MATCH 30 C Wall 3-8-9 ... G Duffield 12
8 -585 MISHAWEER 20 (V) J Fanshawe 3-8-8 ... D Harrison 2
9 0600 GOOL LEE SHAY 59 R Whitaker 3-8-6 ... D McKeown 13
10 0013 SPORTING RISK 20 (F) P Harris 4-8-6 ... G Hind 7
11 0-00 RACING BRENDA 17 (CD,F,G) B Morgan 5-8-5 ... S Whitworth 1
12 -012 ORCHARD GOLD 9 (D,G) J Pearce 5-8-4 ... G Bardwell 8
13 0430 JIMJAREER 20 (B) Capt J Wilson 8-7-13 ... M Henry (3) 11
14 0004 NOBBY BARNES 20 (D,F,G) D Icks 7-7-13 ... Kim Tinkler 4

5-1 Kid Ory, 6-1 Orchard Gold, Glowing Jade, 7-1 Just Harry, 8-1 Artful Dane, 10-1 Set The Fashion, Sporting Risk, 12-1 others.

9.00 NOTTINGHAM FOREST BRIDGFORD END HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,381: 2m 9yd) (8)

1 4202 STATE APPROVAL 35 A Jarvis 9-7 ... D Harrison 7
2 0050 SANDICLIFFE 21 B Hills 9-3 ... J Reid 4
3 2442 MARSAYAS 8 (BF) M Camacho 8-11 ... L Charnock 3
4 0-25 UPLIFT 25 M Prescott 8-10 ... G Duffield 1
5 -004 MISS PRISM 32 (BF) J Dunlop 8-6 ... S Whitworth 5
6 0-05 KINGS NIGHTCLUB 27 J White 8-3 ... S Drowne (3) 6
7 0000 LAGAN 15 P Felgate 8-3 ... D Wright (3) 8
8 00-0 HALLIKELD 94 T Etherington 8-3 ... J Lowe 2

5-4 Marsayas, 3-1 State Approval, 5-1 Sandicliffe, 7-1 Uplift, 8-1 Miss Prism, 12-1 Kings Nightclub.

Newmarket

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 65 winners from 276 runners, 23.6%; D Loder, 20 from 98, 20.4%; R Charlton, 19 from 95, 20.0%; J Gosden, 54 from 359, 15.0%; P Cole, 29 from 199, 14.6%; Mrs J R Ramsden, 10 from 80, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 118 winners from 516 rides, 22.9%; D R McCabe, 11 from 72, 15.3%; T Sprake, 3 from 23, 13.0%; Dane O'Neill, 7 from 56, 12.5%; T Quinn, 38 from 341, 11.1%; W Carson, 53 from 488, 10.9%.

Nottingham

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 11 winners from 37 runners, 29.7%; J Dunlop, 21 from 107, 19.6%; B Hills, 8 from 41, 19.5%; M Camacho, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R Whitaker, 7 from 40, 17.5%; M Channon, 8 from 53, 15.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 12 winners from 83 rides, 14.5%; D Holland, 9 from 63, 14.3%; D Harrison, 10 from 72, 13.9%; J Weaver, 9 from 82, 11.0%; G Duffield, 13 from 119, 10.9%; A Culhane, 5 from 46, 10.9%; S Drowne, 6 from 60, 10.0%.

Thirsk

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 13 winners from 33 runners, 39.4%; M Prescott, 8 from 30, 26.7%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 19, 26.3%; W G M Turner, 3 from 13, 23.1%; W Jarvis, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Gosden, 4 from 20, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 26 winners from 107 rides, 24.3%; R Hills, 12 from 56, 21.4%; J Weaver, 21 from 100, 21.0%; D McKeown, 14 from 100, 14.0%; A McGlone, 4 from 30, 13.3%; Alex Greaves, 7 from 59, 11.9%.

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Lord's rises to acclaim Inzamam

Simon Wilde watches a batsman blossom at the Mecca of cricket

GRAHAM CHADWICK/ALLSPORT

Inzamam trudges off after his inspired innings of 148 was ended by him playing on to Mullally yesterday

INZAMAM-UL-HAQ is not the first overseas cricketer to come to Lord's and do justice to his talent, and he will not be the last. That every visiting team dreams of performing well there does not make life easy for England, whose players are obliged to play on the hallowed turf when the house is less than full and the atmosphere eerily subdued.

Inzamam came to cricket's Mecca to score a hundred and that is precisely what he did, shortly after 4pm. He showed his pride by punching the air and then, with the gentlest of touches, kissing his bat.

As a celebration, it echoed Michael Slater pressing his lips to his Australia badge three years ago and revealed the more sensitive side of a man who moments earlier had lifted his score from 94 to 100 by clubbing Hick for six over long-on.

"I was glad a spinner was on," Inzamam said later, "because I had thought about getting to my hundred with a six. Fortunately, it was a good ball to hit. It's an honour to make a century at Lord's."

Inzamam capped his performance by going on to 148, the highest of his five Test centuries, before driving loosely at Mullally and dragging the ball into his stumps as he approached a fourth hour at the crease. He had played strokes all round the wicket and walked off to as wholehearted a standing ovation as anyone can have received from a Lord's crowd in recent years.

Having come in with Pakistan in trouble at 12 for two, Inzamam's performance was a thoroughly mature one and highlighted how far he has travelled since he burst onto the international stage during the World Cup in 1992. There, he pulled his side out of the fire in their semi-final against New Zealand with an extraordinary display of hitting.

Great things were then predicted for him but he did not settle quickly to Test cricket. In his first series, in England a few months later, he averaged 13, with his least productive match at Lord's.

He took his first Test century off West Indies in Antigua the year after and, by gradually tightening up his technique, has since established himself as one of the most consistent batsman in the world. His innings yesterday raised his average to almost 50, a mark that is the preserve of the great.

Hanif Mohammad, who scored an unbeaten 187 for Pakistan at Lord's 29 years ago, puts Inzamam's latest development down to improved fitness. "He has lost a lot of weight since the World Cup earlier this year and has greater mobility than he used to," Hanif said yesterday.

"He is moving around the crease better and runs between the wickets more quickly than he used to, even though he still experiences trouble with his left knee. He possesses a special talent."

England clearly had a plan to curb Inzamam's penchant for driving. Atherton greeted him with close catchers on both sides of the wicket, but it did not work. Inzamam bided his time, worked the ball into the gaps and by the time he resumed occupation after lunch, the field had dropped back. He has also enhanced his range of strokes. Once predominantly an on-side player, he now exhibits some glorious cover drives. However much Inzamam trains, though, he will never be anything other than a heavyweight. But even if he is unable to float like a butterfly, he can certainly sting like a bee.

Windows rises to the occasion

By Jack Bailey

CHELTENHAM (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 331 for three wickets against Warwickshire

AS NEAR a perfect day as you could wish for: the glorious setting of the College Ground, a pitch made for batting, once the first anxious moments had been survived, and innings from Matthew Windows — who batted all day for his undefeated 162 — Tim Hancock and Monte Lynch to do justice to it all. A tireless, disciplined display by Warwickshire in the field added subtly to the joys of those in search of that elusive item — a proper day's cricket.

For Gloucestershire, languishing at the foot of the championship table, it was a good toss to win and an encouraging day all round. Windows made the first championship century of his career and looked good for many more.

Yesterday, he came close to disaster early on without giving a chance. Otherwise, his was a masterly display: 11 fours in his first 50 testified to the power of his strokes as well as to the speed of the outfield. There were 19 fours, chiefly to the off side, in his century, which came after nearly four hours. He was nearly run out on 85. In fact, Harold Bird gave him out, only to realise that Burns had not removed the bails.

The partnership of 148 in 42 overs between Windows and Hancock was the highest for Gloucestershire for any wicket this season. It marked the period when dominance over Warwickshire's attack was firmly established.

Then came Lynch. For reasons connected with discipline, he was playing in only his third championship match of the season. He is, in his own way, remarkably effective, difficult to bowl at, pugnacious and seizes initiatives. Like Trainor and Hancock before him, Lynch fell to the persistent Small, the only successful bowler of a sextet that never stopped trying, heavily though the dice were loaded against them.

Hampshire come up short

By Ivo Tennant

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 332 for seven wickets against Surrey

VARIOUS Hampshire batsmen batted yesterday with an ease that suggested they should have made rather more runs than they did. Of their total of 332 for seven, there were four scores ranging from 49 to 61. Nobody came up with a lengthy innings, but then that has been the case for much of their season.

The pick of these innings was that played by Robin Smith. After two unintentional fours through the slips soon after he had come in, he was soon crashing the ball around. He is still quite capable of dominating a session or two, as those Worcestershire bowlers who had the bad luck to bowl at him in the second round of the NatWest Trophy will testify. No other batsman batted with such gusto.

That Hampshire did not make a larger total on this pitch owed something to the perseverance of Surrey's attack. Martin Bicknell swiftly removed Laney and later had Stephenson caught behind and James leg-before just when they were looking to dominate. Hampshire's captain averages only 30 this season and is in need of a few more innings such as this.

Stephenson's 61 included 11 fours; James, who until recently cannot have envisaged himself going in so high up the order, worked the ball around the square pleasantly enough, as did Terry. These were the innings good professionals aspire to play, but Smith's was of a higher order. His 54 came off 74 balls and included a six and seven fours.

It was a surprise when he was out, taken at the wicket off one Hollioake moved away sufficiently to take the edge. Surrey fielded with the same application as they bowled, running out Keech as he and Terry went for a rather cheeky fourth run, not overdoing the clamour in the field and looking what they are, a county challenging for the championship.

High risk policy earns rich reward for Byas

By Pat Gibson

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 86 runs ahead of Yorkshire

DAVID BYAS has got what he wanted. The Yorkshire captain said he was looking for a scrap on as sporting a pitch as North Marine Road has seen for years and Somerset are giving him one in what is turning out to be a real test of his side's championship credentials.

It is just as well that Byas has such an appetite for the fight. Having put Somerset in and seen them score 309, he found himself holding the Yorkshire batting together for more than four hours before a late flourish from Gough kept their first-innings deficit to a mere 17 runs.

Byas could have no complaints. He had decreed that the benign pitches that have produced so many high-scoring draws on his home ground over the years were no good to Yorkshire in their present position, so he had to take the responsibility when things began to go wrong.

He could hardly have done it better. Yorkshire lost half their side for 144, but Byas stood tall and strong for 60 overs. He was badly dropped by the wicketkeeper off Batty on 29 and drove the same bowler just short of extra cover on 59, but he had done a tremendous job when he went too far across his stumps trying to glance Caddick and was bowled for 88.

Byas had struck sixteen fours with an authority that none of the other Yorkshire batsmen could match. Vaughan was caught at the wicket in Rose's first over, Moxon trod on his stumps taking evasive action against Shine. Bevan and McGrath fell to successive balls from Batty, the former Yorkshire off spinner, and White and Blakey were always living dangerously.

It was left to Gough to show what could be achieved with a typically flamboyant 51 off 56 balls, including a six and eight fours. When he took two of the three Somerset wickets that fell in the final 25 overs, Byas was scenting a rich reward for risking defeat in trying to win.

Combative Fleming outshines Hooper's elegance

By Rupert Cox

DERBY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 381 for five wickets against Derbyshire

IN LAST summer's corresponding fixture, at Maidstone, a high-scoring draw on a bland surface was symptomatic of Derbyshire and Kent's championship campaign. With both teams challenging for the title this season, this encounter took on added significance. Three centuries — from Hooper, Fleming and Llong — allayed Kent's early distress, as they recovered from 14 for two, to a reassuring 381 for five.

Only nine players who featured at Maidstone are playing here. One who did not, Carl Hooper, moved serenely to a century, although the extravagances that have blighted his Test career occasionally manifested themselves.

Devon Malcolm, playing his first championship match for a month, extracted early movement and bounce to remove Fulton in the first over and then deceived Ward with a fine delivery that seamed away. However, with Ed Smith, 19, in the team at the expense of Graham Cowdrey, returning from Cambridge University to make his championship debut, Kent consolidated. Smith demonstrated a well-organised technique, surviving until just before lunch.

Well though Hooper played, the day was illuminated by Matthew Fleming's fine 116, equalling his career-best against the West Indians in 1991. Entering the fray at 186 for four, he immediately hit Andrew Harris crisply through extra cover, and it set the tone. He added 191 with Nigel Llong in only 41 overs, until he cut a long hop from Dean Jones straight to point. His innings spanned a mere 126 balls and contained 21 typically-robust fours.

At 26, Llong survived a simple chance to mid-on from Matthew Vandrau, the off spinner, as Malcolm, failing to pick the ball up in the background of the scoreboard, squandered the opportunity. From that moment, Llong regained his timing and grew in stature to reach his hundred from 187 balls with a six and 14 fours.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This week I want to discuss the auction after a take-out double and the initial response. If the doubler is minimum, say 12-15 HCP, he will pass a simple response. If the doubler bids again after a simple response he shows significant extra values: there is rarely any need to jump around. Let's look at a couple of hands after the auction 1 ♥ — Double — Pass — 1 ♠ — Pass:

(i) ♠A K 5
♥A Q 6
♦A 7 6 5
♣Q J 5

(ii) ♠A K 5
♥6
♦A Q 4 3
♣A K 8 5 4

On hand (i) you should make a simple rebid of One No-trump. To overcall One No-trump would have shown 16-18; therefore to double first shows a little more, say 19-21. That is quite enough on this hand; remember partner would have jumped the bidding on many hands with seven or more points and four or more spades. On Hand (ii) rebid Two Clubs. It would be a mistake to raise spades immediately with only three-card support, as partner is expecting you to have the suit already. There is no reason to jump just because you have 20 points. Partner might have either of the following hands:

(iii) ♠Q 6 4 2
♥8 7 4 2
♦K 5
♣9 3 2

(iv) ♠J 7 4 3
♥Q J 9 2
♦6 5 2
♣Q 3

Hand (iii) has a working 5 HCP and a possible ruffing value, quite a suitable hand, but still eleven tricks is a lot to make: a quiet Three Clubs is best. If the doubler makes another move, hand (iii) will bid game. With hand (iv) you have hearts very well guarded, plus a useful queen of clubs, which should make Three No-trumps a good contract, so that's what you should bid over Two Clubs — if you had any more you would have bid either One No-trump or Two Spades on the previous round.

(v) ♠A K 8 5
♥6
♦A J 4 3
♣A 8 5 4

(vi) ♠A K 5
♥6
♦A Q 4
♣A K 10 9 5 4

Hand (v) is an example of what you need to raise partner's One Spade response to Two Spades — remember he could have a Yarborough. Hand (vi) is very powerful and worth a jump to Three Clubs. This is not forcing but shows the values for an opening Acol Two bid.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Juniors: Standings (after 15 rounds) 1, Norway 309pts, 2, Denmark 300; 3, Russia 282.5, 4, Israel 272, 5, Sweden 261; 6, Poland 251.5; 7, Iceland 250; 8, Hungary 245; 9, Germany 242, 10, Lithuania 240.5; 21, Great Britain 199. Schools: Standings (after five rounds). 1, Germany 103, 2, Israel 87; 3, Poland 85; 4, France 84, 5, Denmark 83; 9, Great Britain 77

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PRICKET
a. A deer
b. A thorn hedge
c. A concealed dagger

FIVE-EIGHTH
a. An oarsman
b. A rugby player
c. A kilometre

PARR
a. A young salmon
b. Scratch
c. An old man

BULLY OFF
a. The red card
b. Army short rations
c. Hockey start

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Anand revived

After losing the PCA world championship match to Garry Kasparov in New York last year, some of the vitality seemed to drain away from the play of Viswanathan Anand, the Indian grandmaster. However, after almost a year, his fortunes have revived. For his shared first prize with Vladimir Kramnik, the Russian grandmaster, in Dortmund, Anand reverted to a vigorous style.

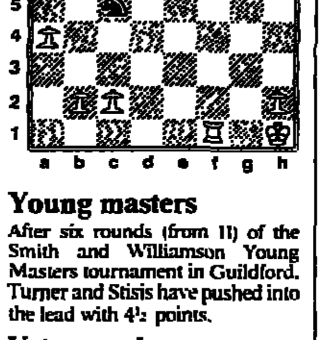
In the following game, against Veselin Topalov, the highly-ranked Bulgarian grandmaster, Anand builds up a fierce kingside attack against Topalov's Sicilian Defence and then breaks through with a sacrifice to force a win.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Veselin Topalov
Dortmund, July 1996

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	Nc3	a6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	Nc6
6	Be2	d6
7	0-0	Nf6
8	Be3	Be7
9	f4	0-0
10	a4	Qc7
11	Kh1	Re8
12	Bf3	Na5
13	g4	Nd7
14	Bg2	Bf8
15	Qe1	b6
16	Rd1	Bb7
17	Qh4	Nc6
18	Nde2	Nb4
19	Rd2	Qd5
20	g5	f6
21	Nd4	fxg5
22	fxg5	Nc6
23	Rdf2	Rc8
24	Nce2	Nc5
25	Nxc6	Bxc6
26	Nd4	Bd7
27	e5	dxe5
28	Nf3	Bc6
29	Nxe5	Bxg2+
30	Rxg2	Rc7
31	Ng4	Kh8
32	Qh3	Qd5
33	g6	h6
34	Bxh6	gxh6
35	g7+	Bxg7
36	Nxh6	Qxg2+
37	Qxg2	Bxh6
38	Qg6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Young masters

After six rounds (from 11) of the Smith and Williamson Young Masters tournament in Guildford, Turner and Stisis have pushed into the lead with 4½ points.

Veteran wins

Viktor Korchnoi, 65, continues to display impressive form. Having won first prize ahead of Tony Miles, the British grandmaster, in the international tournament in Malmo, Korchnoi went on to win the Politiken Cup in Copenhagen. LEADING SCORES: Korchnoi 8½/11 Spoelman, Hodgson 8.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's column in *The Times*, and is available from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

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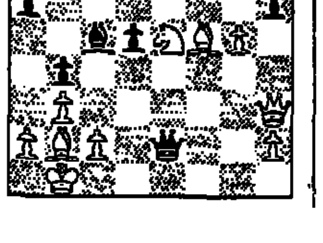
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. Game Chiburdanidze — Larsen, Vienna 1993. Although Black is material ahead in this position, White's active bishop pair provide plenty of counterplay. How did White now demonstrate how potent this weapon can be?

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Whitaker's resolve rallies quest for title

By Our Sports Staff

JAMES WHITAKER typified the determination underscoring Leicestershire's quest for their first championship since 1975 on a testing day for the second-placed side at Grace Road yesterday.

Sussex fielded an all-seam attack in the absence of Ian Salisbury and were rewarded when they reduced Leicestershire to 177 for seven with Whitaker retired hurt and apparently out of the match with a torn calf muscle.

That was the cue for Paul Nixon, the wicketkeeper, to reach double figures for the first time in a home championship match this season. When the ninth wicket fell, Whitaker hobbled back into the action and, at the close, the partnership was worth a further 33 runs. Although Whitaker will bat on today, the injury will keep him out for at least two weeks.

Matthew Maynard, of Glamorgan, was another captain leading by example, although his efforts, against Lancashire at Cardiff, were more spectacular. Maynard scored his third first-class century in his past four innings and went from 66 to 101 in just 13 balls. That brief flurry was, however, not typical of a highly-responsible innings.

Simon Brown's absence of Test duty did not prevent the Durham attack having a fruitful day at Hartlepool. Neil Kileen, playing his first championship match this season, took four for 57 and David Cox three for 83 as Essex were dismissed for 334.

Tom Moody scored his fifth championship century of the season off only 135 balls in an impressive Worcestershire performance on the second day of their match against Northamptonshire at Kidderminster.

☐ Glenn Turner has been dismissed as coach of New Zealand and replaced by Steve Rixon, the former Australia wicketkeeper.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 381 for five wickets against Derbyshire

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Krikken b Malcolm	0
E T Smith c Adams b Wells	31
T R Ward c Krikken b Malcolm	9
C L Hooper c Wells b Harris	103
N J Llong not out	108
M V Fleming c Malcolm b Jones	116
M M Patel not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 2)	11
Total (5 wkts, 104 overs)	381

N W Preston, *†S A Marsh, M J McCague and D W Headley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-86, 4-186, 5-377

BOWLING: Malcolm 26-1-91-2; Harris 16-2-89-1; Wells 17-3-47-1; DeFreitas 22-5-94-0; Vandrau 15-3-43-0; Barnett 7-0-22-0; Jones 1-0-6-1.

DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett, G A Khan, C J Adams, *D M Jones, T J G O'Gorman, C M Wells, †K M Krikken, P A J DeFreitas, M J Vandrau, A J Harris, D E Malcolm

Bonus points: Derbyshire 2 Kent 4

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J H Hampshire.

Durham v Essex

HARTLEPOOL (first day of four; Essex won toss): Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 326 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Killeen	22
D D J Robinson c Campbell b Cox	38
A P Grayson c Roseberry b Killeen	74
S G Law c Ligertwood b Wood	73
*P J Prichard c Hutton b Killeen	0
R C Irani lbw b Wood	56
†R J Rollins b Wood	1
M C Ilott c Wood b Killeen	17
N F Williams c Roseberry b Cox	23
P M Such not out	10
S J W Andrew c Campbell b Cox	1
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 8)	19
Total (100.4 overs)	334

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-93, 3-165, 4-165, 5-256, 6-260, 7-281, 8-312, 9-332.

BOWLING: Wood 21-4-89-3; Saggers 12-0-69-0; Killeen 21-6-57-4; Bainbridge 7-3-25-0; Cox 39.4-14-83-3

DURHAM: First Innings

S L Campbell not out	6
S Hutton not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt, 3 overs)	8

J E Morris, J A Daley, *M A Roseberry, P Bainbridge, †D G C Ligertwood, J Wood, D M Cox, N Killeen and M J Saggers to bat.

BOWLING: Ilott 2-0-2-0; Andrew 1-0-5-0

Bonus points: Durham 4 Essex 3

Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd

Glamorgan v Lancashire

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 359 for three wickets against Lancashire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Chapple	18
H Morris c Hegg b Martin	71
G P Butcher c Hegg b Watkinson	35
*M P Maynard not out	147
P A Cottey not out	74
Extras (b 1, lb 13)	14
Total (3 wkts, 109 overs)	359

R D B Croft, O D Gibson, †A D Shaw, D A Cosker, S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-100, 3-168

BOWLING: Chapple 21-3-88-1; Martin 18-6-58-1; Gallian 14-5-51-0; Austin 13-3-35-0; Keedy 26-5-64-0; Watkinson 17-3-49-1

LANCASHIRE: J E R Gallian, S P Titchard, J P Crawley, N J Speak, G D Lloyd, *M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, G Chapple, P J Martin, G Keedy.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Lancashire 1.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer.

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

CHELTENHAM (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 331 for three wickets against Warwickshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N J Trainor c Burns b Small	6
M G N Windows not out	162
T H C Hancock c Burns b Small	57
M A Lynch c Pollock b Small	69
R P Davis not out	14
Extras (b 5, lb 18)	23
Total (3 wkts, 105 overs)	331

A Symonds, M W Alleyne, †R C J Williams, M C J Ball, A M Smith and *C A Walsh to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-166, 3-306

BOWLING: Pollock 21-6-50-0; Munton 21-11-39-0; Small 19-3-69-3; Brown 18-3-71-0; Smith 10-1-32-0; Giles 16-3-47-0

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, A Singh, D P Ostler, T L Penney, †M Burns, S M Pollock, D R Brown, N M K Smith, A F Giles, G C Small, *T A Munton

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3 Warwickshire 1

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbeater

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 332 for seven wickets against Surrey

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Kersey b M P Bicknell	61
J S Laney lbw b M P Bicknell	8
K D James lbw b M P Bicknell	49
R A Smith c Kersey b Hollioake	54
V P Terry c and b Pearson	57
M Keech run out	15
†A N Aymes b Pearson	27
S D Udal not out	19
R J Maru not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 30)	35
Total (7 wkts, 104 overs)	332

S M Milburn and J N B Bovill to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-128, 3-137, 4-213, 5-239, 6-291, 7-304

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 18-3-49-3; Benjamin 17-3-61-0; Hollioake 19-5-44-1; Julian 15-1-71-0; Pearson 29-3-80-2; D J Bicknell 4-1-18-0; Shahid 2-0-4-0

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Ratcliffe, A D Brown, *A J Hollioake, N Shahid, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, J E Benjamin, R M Pearson.

Bonus points: Hampshire 3 Surrey 3

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 258 for nine wickets against Sussex

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Lewry	7
D L Maddy c Moores b Lewry	18
B F Smith c Athey b Jarvis	22
P V Simmons b Giddins	13
*J J Whitaker not out	53
A Habib b Lewry	30
†P A Nixon not out	71
D J Millns c Moores b Giddins	23
G J Parsons c Moores b Lewry	2
A R K Pierson b Giddins	9
M T Brimson c Athey b Lenham	3
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 2)	7
Total (9 wkts, 104 overs)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-43, 3-57, 4-86, 5-131, 6-168, 7-177, 8-198, 9-225

BOWLING: Lewry 29-6-69-4; Jarvis 8-1-23-1; Giddins 24.5-9-60-3; Drakes 28-9-76-0; Lenham 11.1-3-22-1; Greenfield 3-1-4-0

SUSSEX: C W J Athey, N J Lenham, *A P Wells, K Greenfield, M P Speight, J W Hall, E S H Giddins, †P Moores, P W Jarvis, V C Drakes, J D Lewry

Bonus points: Leicestershire 2 Sussex 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

KIDDERMINSTER (second day of four): Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 15 runs behind Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie lbw b Sheriyar	34
*A Fordham c Ellis b Lampitt	29
T C Walton c Moody b Illingworth	0
K M Curran lbw b Lampitt	40
D J Sales c Church b Illingworth	0
D J Capel c Lampitt b Illingworth	32
A L Penberthy c Lampitt b Illingworth	2
J N Snape lbw b Lampitt	1
A R Roberts b Solanki	39
†D Ripley not out	88
J P Taylor lbw b Church	36
Extras (lb 16, w 3, nb 8)	27
Total	328

Score at 120 overs: 323-9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-55, 3-82, 4-83, 5-137, 6-144, 7-145, 8-145, 9-233

BOWLING: Sheriyar 27-4-81-1; Ellis 15-3-51-0; Lampitt 25-6-47-3; Illingworth 43-12-89-4; Moody 4-0-17-0; Solanki 6-1-21-1; Church 2.1-0-6-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

W P C Weston c Fordham b Snape	68
M J Church b Capel	2
T S Curtis c Montgomerie b Roberts	65
*T M Moody not out	100
K R Spiring hit wicket b Snape	0
V S Solanki not out	65
Extras (lb 5, nb 8)	13
Total (4 wkts, 88 overs)	313

†S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, S W K Ellis and A Sheriyar to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-118, 3-185, 4-186

BOWLING: Taylor 21-2-67-0; Capel 12-5-46-1; Roberts 10-1-41-1; Snape 26-7-76-2; Curran 12-2-43-0; Penberthy 7-1-35-0

Bonus points: Worcestershire 7 Northamptonshire 4

Umpires: G I Burgess and D J Constant

Yorkshire v Somerset

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 86 runs ahead of Yorkshire

SOMERSET: First Innings 309 (K A Parsons 62, R J Harden 54, C E W Silverwood 4 for 53)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell not out	37
P D Bowler lbw b Gough	6
K A Parsons b Hartley	4
R J Harden c Blakey b Gough	8
J D Batty not out	5
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	9
Total (3 wkts)	69

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-29, 3-62

BOWLING: Gough 8-1-18-2; Silverwood 8-4-21-0; Hartley 6-1-15-1; White 3-0-10-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon hit wicket b Shine	24
M P Vaughan c Turner b Rose	8
*D Byas b Caddick	88
M G Bevan c Rose b Batty	19
A McGrath c Lee b Batty	0
C White c Turner b Lee	28
†R J Blakey c Turner b Caddick	21
D Gough c Rose b Shine	51
P J Hartley b Rose	10
C E W Silverwood c Turner b Shine	[illegible]
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 6, nb 21)	28
Total (78.3 overs)	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-58, 3-87, 4-87, 5-144, 6-200, 7-215, 8-244, 9-292

BOWLING: Caddick 24-5-81-2; Rose 15-5-53-2; Shine 7.3-1-55-3; Lee 17-4-49-1; Batty 15-2-53-2

Bonus points: Yorkshire 6 Somerset 7

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White

OLYMPIC GAMES

Tait assumes control after King makes costly error

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

BLYTH TAIT, of New Zealand, the former world champion, leads the individual Olympic three-day event after an incomparable display of horsemanship yesterday on the eight-year-old, Ready Teddy, who was only a novice last year.

Brought in at the last minute to replace the dual Olympic champion, Mark Todd, and the injured Kayem, Tait produced the fastest clear round of the day to finish four points ahead of his compatriot, Sally Clark, on Squirrel Hill.

"He's got a heart of gold. I think he could be one of the best horses in the sport," Tait said of the New Zealand-bred thoroughbred, bought by his father, Robert, two years ago for £2,000.

In contrast, Mary King, who was on the course at 8.45am, when it was only 78F, rode cautiously and saw her hopes of a gold medal come to a grinding halt when King William refused at fence nine. King, now lying seventh, admitted that the refusal — the first King William has had in a three-day-event — was her fault.

"He jumped to the left over the previous fence and I overcorrected him," she said. "I didn't get a good line for the three fences, we lost impulsion and he had no alternative but to stop."

King then made an error of judgment and, instead of trying to make up the time, decided that she had lost her chance of a medal and that there was no point in hurrying unduly.

There was more gloomy news for the depressed British camp when The Cool Customer, Charlotte Bathe's seasoned campaigner, finished badly lame after a clear round which put them into eighth. Chris Hunnable, the third Briton, fulfilled expectations when he and Mr Bootsie had a clear round to go into ninth.

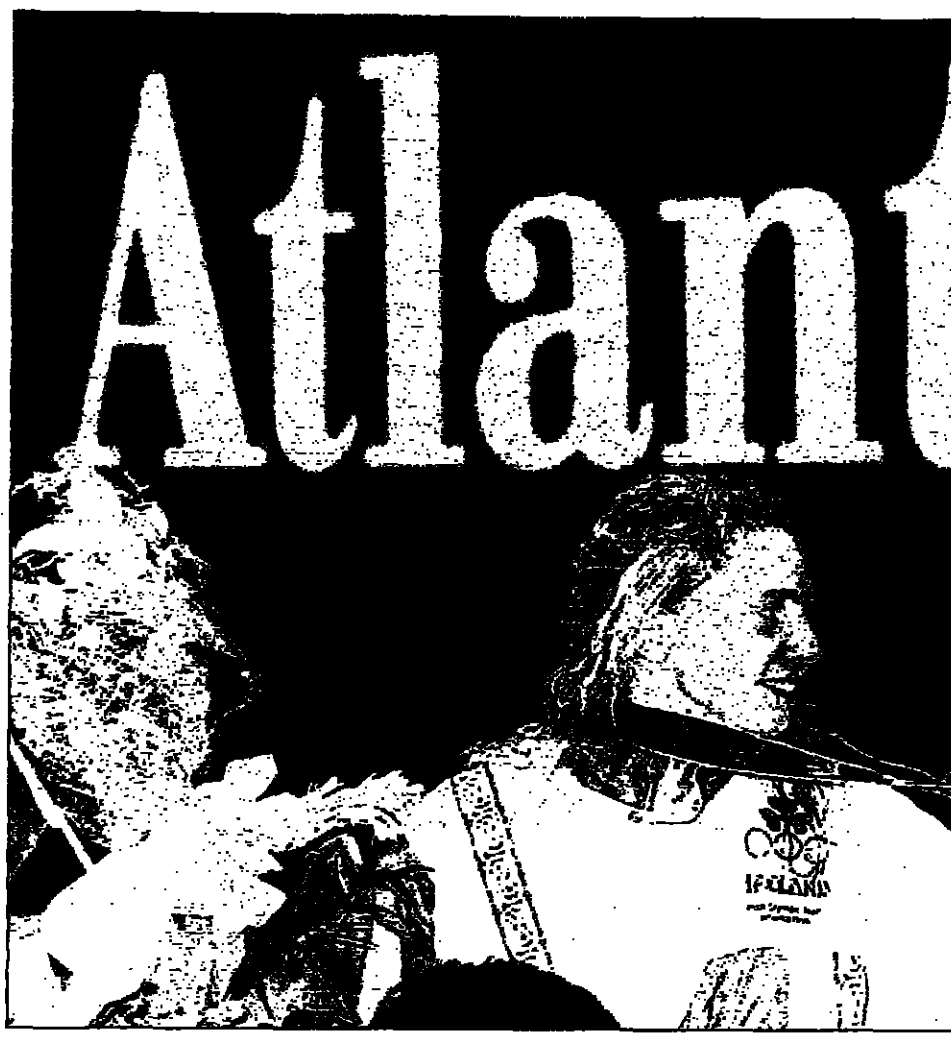
With most of the top horses going in the team event, the individual contest was always going to be a sub-standard event. David O'Connor, of the United States, dropped from second to fifth place after a clear but slow round on Custom Made, while Andrew Hoy, a member of Australia's gold medal-winning team, refused at the same fence as King on Gershwin.

Andrew Nicholson, a bronze medal-winner with the New Zealand team, had an unlucky fall in the first water complex after his Burghley winner, Buckley Province, stumbled.

Marie-Christine Duroy, of France, a veteran of three Olympic Games, completed the fall of the stars when she retired Ut du Placineau after refusing at fence seven.

There was nothing second-rate about the performance of Tait and Ready Teddy, though. "He's so inexperienced," Tait said. "My main concern here was not to hurt him." He was philosophical about today's showjumping, the final phase. "It'll be quite an atmosphere for him but, if he does make a mistake and Sally wins, we'll still be celebrating."

JOHN GILES



Smith is ecstatic as she shows off her third gold medal after winning the 200 metres individual medley

Smith plunges into pool of money

Craig Lord finds Ireland's swim heroine unmoved by the prospect of a golden future

Dollar signs were smiling in the Irish eyes of Kathy Stapleton. As manager of Michelle Smith and the first agent to be allowed full access to a swimmer at an Olympic Games, she is poised to start counting the cheques that will flow from a balance of at least three gold medals at the Centennial Olympic Games.

Smith, 26, from Rathcoole in Dublin, could be a millionaire by Christmas, but with a fourth title to race for today, she is trying to keep her mind off the money — talk is of $100,000 for each medal for starters. What Smith cannot avoid are thoughts of a homecoming the likes of which Jack Charlton could only dream.

"When I get off the plane, I reckon the airport is going to be pretty crowded," said Smith. "I'm told people are out partying 'til five and six in the morning and then getting into work at eight, but managers can't get any work out of them all day because they're all so drunk. I have a message for Ireland: don't drink too much before I come home — save some for me."

Smith is drunk on a success achieved through a remarkable improvement in speed that saw her defeat three defending champions and prompted speculation that the swimmer's form owes more to medicine than talent. Her husband of a month, and coach of three years, is Erik de Bruin, the Dutch discus thrower suspended for steroids in 1993. The couple live near Dordrecht in Holland, having left Ireland because there is no 50 metres (or Olympic-size) pool there.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) scotched rumours of a positive test yesterday. Michelle Verdier, spokeswoman for the IOC, said it had taken "two or a maximum of three days for the A tests to be completed" and when asked whether testing for events on Saturday — when Smith won the 400 metres medley — were finished with, she replied "yes".

Smith, also winner of the 400 metres freestyle and 200 metres medley, never doubted that result. Of her critics, mainly from the host nation, one of whose medal-winners, Angel Martino, returned to the sport after testing positive for steroids in 1988, she said: "The Americans are being a little bit ungracious and I don't want to lower myself to their level."

Nor did she want to talk of the wealthy life to come: "I'm not thinking about that at the moment. My job until Friday is in the pool. It's never been my goal in life to be rich or wealthy. All that I would like is enough to have a nice house. I don't need Porsches outside."

There may be no avoiding it. Stapleton, head of a public relations agency in Dublin, said: "No figures yet, but the rewards will be endless because she's such a pleasant and remarkable woman. She's going to be a very wealthy woman. The offers are at saturation point. In five hours today, I had 67 faxes of a commercial nature and 92 phone calls."

Smith, who is chasing Franziska van Almsick, of Germany, in the money stakes, will today race in the 200 metres butterfly. Another golden moment would see her equal the record of Kristin Otto, of the former East Germany, who won four individual gold medals at the Seoul Games in 1988.

Smith suggests success after Foster failure

FROM CRAIG LORD

MARK FOSTER became the latest British casualty of the swimming heats at the the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center yesterday, finishing tenth in the 50 metres freestyle, just 0.05sec behind the three men who tied for seventh place and had to swim off for a place in the final.

There was much better news from Graeme Smith, of Stockport, who qualified second-fastest for the 1,500 metres freestyle final in 15min 14.81sec, two seconds behind Daniel Kowalski, of Australia, whose team-mate, Kieren Perkins, the world champion and record-holder, scraped into the final by just 0.23sec. Paul Palmer, who was Britain's first medal-winner of the Games on Monday, with a silver in the 400 metres frestyle, finished tenth, 1.23sec behind Perkins.

Given that Foster, 26, finished sixth at the last Games after only a season back in the sport, he could only wonder at what went wrong. His time yesterday was 22.73sec, 0.30sec slower than he swam in Barcelona to set the British record.

Though his start looked good and he maintained a powerful rhythm and smooth stroke to lead Gary Hall, of the United States, for the first 30 metres, he was slow off the blocks and the stroke he had spent the winter honing tightened in the closing metres.

Foster has a chance to make ammends in the B, or consolation, final, but hopes of a medal are gone for a man aiming to capitalise on a harder training regime and winter seasons in which he has set world short-course records, collected world titles and been one of only two men to beat Alexander Popov, the Russian who qualified fastest for the 50 metres final and, on Monday, became the first man since Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller to retain the 100 metres title.

Popov's team-mate, Denis Pankratov, was the star of the pool on Wednesday night, setting a world record of 52.27sec in the 100 metres butterfly, 0.05sec inside his own previous mark.

Pankratov had already won the 200 metres on Monday, when James Hickman, 20, from Stockport, set the British record of 1min 58.16sec in the heats to make his first Olympic final. In the 100 metres, he did not make the final, but won the B final in a British record of 53.23sec.

The time was 0.07sec inside that which won the bronze medal for Andy Jameson in Seoul, 1988, and would have placed him fifth and just 0.1sec away from the bronze medal in the final here in Atlanta.

His room-mate, Nick Gillingham, announced his retirement from the sport after finishing fourth in the 200 metres breaststroke, 20 years to the day that David Wilkie had won the title in a world record.

"Fourth place is the worst possible," Gillingham, at 29 the oldest man in the final, said. "I can't say that I'm disappointed. I would have liked to have got a better result, but it's not so upsetting when you're looking forward to the rest of your life."

Gillingham never put himself in contention and, turning fifth at 150 metres, he could not recover his large deficit behind Norbert Rozsa, of Hungary, who won in 2min 12.57sec.

Another Hungarian, Kriztina Egerszegi, set herself up to become the first woman since Dawn Fraser to win three consecutive Olympic titles at the same event. She qualified fastest for the final of the 200 metres backstroke, in 2min 9.18sec.

Egerszegi: fastest

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Badminton

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND: D Hall (GB) bt R Michels (Hol) 15-4, 15-4. P Knowles (GB) bt K Han (US) 2-15, 15-10, 15-7. H Fuchs (Austria) bt J Robertson (GB) 15-2, 15-6

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND: E Rybkina (Rus) bt J Muggeridge (GB) 11-6, 12-11. K Morgan (GB) bt Song Yang (Aus) 11-1, 11-5

Baseball

Round-robin

United States 15 Italy 3, Cuba 14 South Korea 11

Basketball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: China 87 Argentina 77, Croatia 71 Angola 48, United States 104 Lithuania 82

POOL B: Yugoslavia 118 South Korea 65; Australia 109, Brazil 101. Greece 80 Puerto Rico 69

Beach volleyball

Women

QUARTER-FINALS: S Pires Tavares and J Silva Cruz (Br) bt A Spring and L Fenwick (Aus) 15-13, M Rodrigues and A Samuel Ramos (Br) bt B Fontana Harris and L Hanley (US) 15-10. H McPeak and N Reno (US) bt B Buehler and D Muesch (Ger) 15-6. N Cook and K A Pottharst (Aus) bt G Castro and D Richardson (US) 15-7.

Boxing

Light-welterweight

FIRST ROUND: H Vinent (Cuba) bt Han Hyung-min (S Kor) rsc 2nd rd, P Boudreault (Can) bt H Maturnia (Tan) pts. N Suleymanoglu (Tur) bt A Diallo (Guinea) pts. E Zaharov (Rus) bt F Nagai (Japan) pts. D Mwule (Zam) bt S Kavi (PNG) pts. B Niyazymbetov (Kaz) bt C Martinez (Mex) pts. G Legras (Sey) bt D Esalas (Col) pts. B Moghimi (Iran) bt R Suslekov (Bul) pts. J Bielski (Pol) bt L Perez (P Rico) pts. M Allalou (Alg) bt P Bulinga (Ken) pts. F Barrett (Ire) bt Z Ferreria (Br) pts. F Missaoui (Tun) bt L Trautsch (Aus) pts. D Diaz (US) bt J Garcia (US VI) rsc 3rd rnd. O Urkal (Ger) bt R Galido (Phil) pts. N Mouchi (Fra) ko U Usman (Pak) 1st rnd. S Bukovski (Belo) bt B Vardzelashvili (Georgia) pts

Light-heavyweight

FIRST ROUND: A Tarver (US) bt D Wybornov (Rus) pts. E Flores (P Rico) bt G Singh (India) pts. T Ross (Can) ko R Rolorna (Sey) 3rd rnd. P Mbongo (Cam) bt P Odhiambo (Ken) pts; V Jirov (Kaz) bt J Gonzalez (Mex) rsc 3rd rnd. P Aurino (It) bt Y Ozturk (Tur) pts. S Bores (SA) bt G Hernandez (Dom R) pts. D Bispo (Br) bt A Khaddour (Syria) pts. I Prone (Swe) bt I Kerimov (Azer) pts. J-L Mondengue (Fr) bt P Ayoub Ghoshchi (Iran) pts. T Ulrich (Ger) bt R Timperi (Aus) pts. S Drvis (Cro) bt J Douglas (Guy) rsc 3rd rnd. T Ibragimov (Uzb) bt R Zaoufechm (Ukr) pts. Lee Seung-bae (S Kor) bt S Leuli (W Sam) pts. F Rojas (Cuba) bt M Kalifa (Egypt) pts

Cycling

Men's sprint

QUALIFYING ROUND: 1, G Neiwand (Aus) 10.129sec. 2, C Harnett (Can) 10.175. 3, M Nothstein (US) 10.176. 4, J Fiedler (Ger) 10.232. 5, E Pokorny (Ger) 10.233. 6, D Hill (Aus) 10.329. 7, P Buran (Cz) 10.389. 8, F Rousseau (Fr) 10.397. 9, V Berzins (Lat) 10.463. 10, R Chiappa (It) 10.473. 11, J Moreno (Sp) 10.492; 12, W Clay (US) 10.543. 13, G Himonetos (Gr) 10.569. 14, F Magne (Fr) 10.602. 15, J Escuredo (Sp) 10.630. 16, M Hrbacek (Slovakia) 10.693. 17, J-P van Zyl (SA) 10.695. 18, L Vassilopoulos (Gr) 10.726. 19, Y Kamiyama (Japan) 10.772. 20, P Bazalik (Slovakia) 10.837. 21, G Capitano (It) 10.896. 22, B Hyun (S Kor) 11.001. 23, D McKenzie Potter (NZ) 11.217. 24, C Martinez Arroyo (Bol) 12.341

Men's individual pursuit

QUALIFYING ROUND (top eight to quarter-finals) Qualifiers: 1, A Collinelli (It) 4min 19.699sec (world record). 2, P Ermenault (Fr) 4.21.295. 3, A Markov (Rus) 4.27.074. 4, J Martinez (Sp) 4.27.909. 5, B McGee (Aus) 4.27.954. 6, H Szonn (Ger) 4.29.931. 7, W Perez (Arg) 4.30.715. 8, A Yatsenko (Ukr) 4.30.751. Non-qualifiers: 11, G Obree (GB) 4.34.297. 16, P Collins (Ire) 4.41.207

QUARTER-FINALS: McGee (4.24.943) bt Martinez (4.28.310). Markov (4.24.863) bt Szonn (4.31.563). Ermenault (4.22.826) ct Perez. Collinelli (4.19.153 world record) ct Yatsenko

Women's sprint

QUALIFYING ROUND: 1, M Ferris (Aus) 11.212sec. 2, F Ballanger (Fr) 11.277. 3, O Grishina (Rus) 11.298; 4, I Haringa (Hol) 11.456. 5, Wang Yan (China) 11.519. 6, A Neumann (Ger) 11.538. 7, C Paraskevin-Young (US) 11.545. equal 8, T Dubnicoff (Can) and E Salumae (Est) 11.566. 10, D Larreal (Ven) 11.878. 11, M Kasslin (Fin) 11.924. 12, D Wynd (NZ) 11.961. 13, R Razmaite (Lith) 11.971; 14, N Contreras (Mex) 11.992

Equestrianism

Three-day event, individual

LEADERS AFTER DRESSAGE: 1, M King (King William, GB) 31.6pts. 2, D O'Connor (Custom Made, US) 37.6. 3, N Bishop (Wishful Thinking, Aus) 40.0; 4, M Depuy (Hopper, US) 40.2. 5, J Teulere (Rodosto, Fr) 41.2. 6, H Bicker (Kiwi Dream, Ger) 42.4, 12, C Hunnable (Mr Bootsie, GB) 48.4, 13, C Bathe (The Cool Customer, GB) 49.8, 20, D Foster (Tilt 'n' Turn, Ire) 54.8

Fencing

Men's team sabre

SEMI-FINALS: Russia bt Italy 45-28. Hungary bt Poland 45-33

BRONZE MEDAL BOUT: Italy bt Poland 45-37

FINAL: Russia bt Hungary 45-25

Women's team epée

SEMI-FINALS: Italy bt Hungary 45-32; France bt Russia 45-39

BRONZE MEDAL BOUT: Russia bt Hungary 45-44

FINAL: France bt Italy 45-33

Football

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Argentina 1 Tunisia 1, Portugal 1 United States 1

POOL B: France 2 Saudi Arabia 1. Spain 3 Australia 2

Gymnastics

Men's all-round

1, Li Xiaoshuang (China) 58.423pts. 2, A Nemov (Rus) 58.374. 3, V Scherbo (Belo) 58.197; 4, Zhang Jinjing (China) 58.148. 5, Shen Jian (China) 57.861. 6, V Belenki (Ger) 57.848; 7, J Roethlisberger (US) 57.762. 8, R Sharipov (Ukr). 9, A Svetlichnyi (Ukr) 57.699; 10, B Wilson (US) 57.686.

Handball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Russia 32 Kuwait 20. Croatia 23 Switzerland 22. Sweden 23 United States 19

POOL B: France 27 Spain 25, Egypt 19 Algeria 16, Germany 30 Brazil 20

Hockey

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: India 4 United States 0; Spain 2 Argentina 1. Germany 3 Pakistan 1.

Judo

Men's under 71kg

FOURTH ROUND: J Pedro (US) bt D Kingston (GB). G Benics (Por) bt L Muraroni (San M). V Dgebuadze (Georgia) bt H Payne (Barb). A Shturbabin (Uzb) bt H Moussa (Tun). K Nakamura (Japan) bt T Schleicher (Austria). A Harkat (Alg) bt F Rodriguez (P Rico); S Abanoz (Tur) bt J Pacce (Para). B Hajtos (Hun) bt D Brambilla (It). M Schmidt (Ger) bt K Wojdan (Pol). K Boldbaatar (Mong) bt S Alquati (Arg). S Pereira (Br) bt C Gagliano (Fr); S Corkin (NZ) bt Huang Chien-Lung (Taiwan). S Corkin (NZ) bt Huang Chien-Lung (Taiwan); A Golban (Mold) bt A Achirov (Kaz); A Ghomi (Iran) bt H Nunez (C Rica). Kwak Dae-sung (S Kor) bt D Kouassi (Iv C). S Al-Sharrah (Kuw) bt J Vargas (El Sal). K Nakamura (Japan) bt A Harkat (Alg); V Dgebuadze (Georgia) bt G Benites (Por)

FIFTH ROUND: Kwak Dae-sung bt Ghomi; Shturbabin bt Al-Sharrah, Pereira bt Abanoz. Corkin bt Golban, Schmidt bt Hajtos, Nakamura bt Harkat, Boldbaatar bt Pedro

QUARTER-FINALS: Nakamura bt Schmidt; Boldbaatar bt Dgebuadze, Kwak Dae-sung bt Shturbabin. Pereira bt Corkin

SEMI-FINALS. Nakamura bt Boldbaatar. Kwak Dae-sung bt Pereira

BRONZE MEDAL BOUTS: J Pedro (US) bt Pereira. C Gagliano (Fr) bt Boldbaatar

FINAL: K Nakamura (Japan) bt Kwak Dae-sung (S Kor)

Women's under 56kg

FIFTH ROUND: Sun-yong Jung (S Kor) bt M Lombo (Bel). N Mizoguchi (Japan) bt M Morneau (Can). M Pekli (Hun) bt D Zangrando (Br). Chuang Liu (China) bt C West (US); V Dgebuadze (Georgia) bt G Benites (Por). N Fairbrother (GB) bt B Kucharzewska (Pol). D Gonzalez (Cuba) bt J Gal (Hol). Huang Al-Chun (Taiwan) bt F Cavalieri (Por). I Fernandez (Sp) bt Z Guseynova (Azer).

QUARTER-FINALS: Sun-yong Jung bt Mizoguchi, Fernandez bt Pekli. Gonzalez bt Fairbrother. Chuang Liu bt Huang Al-Chun.

SEMI-FINALS: Sun-yong Jung bt Fernandez. Gonzalez bt Chuang Liu

BRONZE MEDAL BOUTS: I Fernandez (Sp) bt Fairbrother. M Lomba (Bel) bt Chuang Liu.

FINAL: Gonzalez bt Sun-yong Jung.

Rowing

Women's eights

REPECHAGE (first four to final) 1, United States (A Kakela, M McCagg, L Korholz, C Fallon, B McCagg, M Tranel Michini, A Fuller, J Dore, Y Farooq) 6.06.17; 2, Canada 6.06.49; 3, Holland 6.08.85; 4, Australia 6.08.92. 5, Germany 6.09.43; 6, Great Britain (A Stapleton, L Eyre, D Blackie, K Pollitt, M Batten, C Bishop, J Turvey, A Gill, S Ellis) 6.12.28.

CORRECTION: From heats on Monday, winners in each race qualified for final, not as stated

Shooting

Men's double trap

FINAL: 1, R Mark (Aus) 189pts. 2, A Pera (It) 183; 3, Zhang Bing (China) 183. 4, Chul-sung Park (S Kor) 183. 5, R Faulds (GB) 180. 6, Huang I-Chien (Taiwan) 178. Non-qualifier: equal 27, K Gill (GB) 125 (out of 150)

Men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol

QUALIFYING (leading eight qualify for final) Qualifiers: 1, R Schumann (Ger) 298pts. 2, G Lisconi (Mold) 295. 3, M Innaiyuk (Ukr) 295. 4, E Milev (Bul) 294. 5, D Leonhard (Ger) 293. 6, M Asermet (Switz) 293; 7, V Vokhmyanin (Kaz) 293, 8, K Kucharczyk (Pol) 292

Softball

Round-robin

United States 4 Taiwan 0; China 10 Puerto Rico 0. Australia 1 Holland 0, Japan 4 Canada 0

Swimming

Men's 200m breaststroke

FINAL: 1, N Rozsa (Hun) 2min 12.57sec; 2, K Guttler (Hun) 2.13.03. 3, A Korneyev (Rus) 2.13.17. 4, N Gillingham (GB) 2.14.37. 5, P Rogers (Aus) 2.14.79; 6, M Krawczyk (Pol) 2.14.84. 7, E Wunderlich (US) 2.15.69. 8, K Grote (US) 2.16.05

Men's 100m butterfly

FINAL: 1, D Pankratov (Rus) 52.27sec (world record). 2, S Miller (Aus) 52.53. 3, V Kulikov (Rus) 53.13. 4, Chengji Jiang (China) 53.20; 5, R Szukala (Pol) 53.29. 6, M Klim (Aus) 53.30; 7, S Clarke (Can) 53.33. 8, P Khnykin (Ukr) 53.38

Women's 800m freestyle

HEATS (fastest eight qualify for final) Heat one: 1, R Inpom-Udom (Thai) 9min 01.14sec. 2, Sun Hyun-soo (S Kor) 9.03.22; 3, M Chiaway (Porui) 9.09.12. 4, O Korotaeva (Kyr) 9.21.20. 5, D Menegon (Swaz) 10.12.46. Heat two: 1, S Hardcastle (GB) 8.37.54; 2, I Dalby (Nor) 8.37.73. 3, J Evans (US) 8.38.08. 4, C Geurts (Hol) 8.39.85; 5, S Cam (Bel) 8.48.33. 6, Y Esparza (Sp) 8.50.22. 7, R Kovacs (Hun) 9.08.97. Heat three: 1, B Bennett (US) 8.32.38. 2, D Hase (Ger) 8.33.55. 3, K Kielgass (Ger) 8.36.33. 4, K Vlieghuis (Hol) 8.39.73. 5, N Dryden (Can) 8.47.19; 6, O Splichalova (Cz) 8.47.68. 7, S Richardson (Can) 8.52.61. 8, M Bosevska (Mace) 8.57.52. Heat four: 1, Lin Chi-Chan (Taiwan) 8.40.31. 2, E Yamanoi (Japan) 8.40.47. 3, S Gutrell (Aus) 8.42.39. 4, Yigi Pu (China) 8.45.32. 5, H Lewis (Aus) 8.45.79. 6, A Barrancos (Arg) 8.48.54. 7, C Negrea (Rom) 8.54.19. 8, A Miyako (Japan) 8.55.77

Women's 200m i'dual medley

FINAL: 1, M Smith (Ire) 2min 13.93sec; 2, M Limpert (Can) 2.14.35; 3, Li Lin (China) 2.14.74. 4, J Molar (Can) 2.15.30. 5, E Overton (Aus) 2.16.04. 6, A Wagner (US) 2.16.43. 7, M Smit (Hol) 2.16.73. 8, L Karlsson (Swe) 2.17.25

Women's 4 x 100m medley relay

FINAL: 1, United States (B Botsford, A Beard, A Martino, A Van Dyken) 4min 02.88sec. 2, Australia (N Stevenson, S Riley, S O'Neill, S Ryan) 4.05.08; 3, China (Yan Chen, Xue Han, Huijue Cai, Ying Shan) 4.07.34. 4, South Africa 4.08.16. 5, Canada 4.08.29. 6, Germany 4.09.22. 7, Russia 4.10.56. 8, Italy 4.10.59

Tennis

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND: R Furlan (It) bt J Novak (Cz) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. T Enqvist (Swe) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, M Filippini (Uru) bt L Morejon (Ec) 6-7, 7-5, 6-1. K Carlsen (Den) bt M Knowles (Bah) 7-5, 6-3. L Paes (India) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-7, 7-6, 1-0, ret. M Washington (US) bt J Krostak (Slovakia) 6-3, 7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt G Etlis (Arg) 6-4, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-2, 6-4. M Gustafsson (Swe) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 6-2, 6-4. G Rusedski (GB) bt J Frana (Arg) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. M Philippoussis (Aus) bt P Haarhuis (Hol), 7-6, 7-6. C Ruud (Nor) bt A Hernandez (Mex) 6-3, 2-6, 8-6, A Olhovskiy (Rus) bt N Lapentti (Ec) 6-1, 3-6, 8-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-2, 7-6

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND: Shi-Tin Wang (Taiwan) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 7-5, 7-6. A Coetzer (SA) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-4, 7-6, R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt J Nejedly (Can) 6-3, 6-2. L Davenport (US) bt A Kremer (Lux) 6-2, 6-1. M Pierce (Fr) bt O Barabanschikova (Belo) 6-3, 7-5. M J Fernandez (US) bt E Likhovtseva (Rus) 6-2, 6-4, A Huber (Ger) bt C Cristea (Rom) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt Sung-hee Park (S Kor) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. M De Swardt (SA) bt H Sukova (Cz) 7-6, 3-6, 7-5, V Ruano Pascual (Sp) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-4, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt Jing-Qian Yi (China) 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

Table tennis

Women's singles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Pool A: M Svensson (Swe) bt L Lomas (GB) 21-16, 21-10

Women's doubles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Pool B: Wei Liu and Yunping Qiao (China) bt A Holt and L Lomas (GB) 21-9, 21-7

Volleyball

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Holland bt Japan 15-3, 15-10, 15-3; China bt United States 15-8, 15-2, 12-15, 15-12; South Korea bt Ukraine 15-3, 15-10, 15-7

POOL B: Germany bt Canada 15-5, 15-12, 15-6. Brazil bt Russia 15-3, 15-11, 15-13. Cuba bt Peru 15-2, 15-5, 15-10

Water polo

Preliminary round

POOL A: Hungary 12 Yugoslavia 8, Spain 8 Russia 6, Holland 8 Germany 9

POOL B: Greece 9 Ukraine 6. Italy 10 Romania 9: United States 10 Croatia 8

Weightlifting

Under 76kg

1, P Lara (Cuba, 162.5kg snatch, 205 clean and jerk) 367.5. 2, Y Yotov (Bul, 160, 200) 360.0. 3, Jon Chol-ho (N Kor, 162.5, 195kg) 357.5. 4, V Mitrou (Gr, 162.5, 195.0) 357.5. 5, Shoufeng Lin (China, 157.5, 195.0) 352.5. 6, I Steinhoefel (Ger, 160.0, 187.5) 347.5. 7, S Filimonov (Rus, 160.0, 185.0) 345.0; 8, H Barseghian (Arm, 155.0, 190.0) 345.0. 9, L Lobachov (Belo, 160.0, 182.5) 342.5. 10, A Poltschke (Ger, 155.0, 180.0) 335.0

Yachting

Men's Mistral

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, N Kaklamanakis (Gr) 14pts; 2, A McIntosh (NZ) 28. 3, C Espinola (Arg) 12; 28, H Plumb (GB) 118

Men's 470

FIRST RACE: 1, Spain; 2, Ukraine, 3, Croatia; 15, Great Britain.

Men's Finn

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, F Loof (Swe) 18pts; 2, C Bergmann (Br) 31, 3, H Spitzauer (Austria) 22; 18, R Stenhouse (GB) 61, 25, J Driscoll (Ire) 82

Star

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, Australia 14, 2, Brazil 16; 3, United States 15, 14, Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Perkin, A Steed) 55, 15, Ireland (G Connolly, D O'Grady, M King) 69

Laser

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, S Warkalla (Ger) 19; 2, P Moberg (Nor) 17; 3, R Scheidt (Br) 19, 4, B Ainslie (GB) 39; 9, M Lyttle (Ire) 79

Women's Mistral

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, B Kendall (NZ) 12; 2, Lai Shan Lee (HK) 9. 3, A Sensini (It) 15; 10, P Wilson (GB) 40

Women's 470

FIRST RACE: 1, Ukraine, 2, United States, 3, Japan 5, Great Britain, 10 Ireland.

Women's Europe

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER FOUR RACES: 1, K Roug (Den) 8pts; 2, C Becker-Dey (US) 15; 3, S Robertson (GB) 29; 8, A Bowman (Ire) 36

McGregor raises Britain's hopes

FROM PETER BRYAN

YVONNE McGREGOR lifted some of the gloom over Britain's track team yesterday when she qualified third-fastest in the women's 3,000 metres pursuit. While waiting for her heat, she saw the Olympic record of 3min 41.509sec beaten twice and reduced to 3min 35.774sec by Marion Clignet, of France.

Her heat was a meeting between two world record-holders: McGregor, the one-hour holder, and Antonella Bellutti, of Italy, who holds the record for 3,000 metres. In the event, the Olympic record was beaten for the third time in the series when Bellutti set a new mark of 3min 34.130sec.

The time would have been at least one second faster had her front wheel not slipped with the force of her effort in leaving the starting gate. Bellutti did well to keep her balance and quickly opened a slight lead on McGregor, which was extended to ten metres after two laps.

The British champion drew level at the end of the third circuit and nosed ahead at the one kilometre point by half a second, but after that Belutti remained in front to the end.

McGregor finished in 3min 39.545sec and said: "I'm glad that first ride is out of the way. I'm happy enough to have qualified third-fastest; I usually get more confident as the series progresses." McGregor said she wished that the quarter-final round, in which she meets Sarah Ulmer, of Germany, today, could have been held yesterday as she has a quick recovery rate.

Chris Boardman was due to arrive in Atlanta last night to the news that he will be Britain's only rider in the 62-kilometre road time-trial on August 3. Graeme Obree has decided to return home and devote himself to achieving 100 per cent fitness before the defence of his world pursuit title in Manchester on August 29.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Badminton

Men's doubles

FIRST ROUND: P Blackburn and P Staight (Aus) bt S Beeharry and E Clarisse (Maur) 15-3, 15-8; Cheng Ge and Xiaoqiang Tao (China) bt D Hall and P Knowles (GB) 15-2, 15-3; Soo Beng Kiang and Tan Kim Her (Malay) bt A Kaul and I Sydie (Can) 15-7, 15-3

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND: E and R Zelin (Indo) bt M Bengtsson and M Borg (Swe) 15-6, 15-13; F and L Tampi (Indo) bt R Cator and A Hardy (Aus) 15-9, 15-4, Jae Hee Chung and Soo Yun Park (S Kor) bt C Li-Chin and Tsai Huey-Min (Taiwan) 15-7, 15-8

Basketball

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Russia 75 Italy 70

POOL B: United States 107 Zaire 47.

Beach volleyball

Women

QUARTER-FINALS: A Spring and L Fenwick (Aus) bt A Cooper and A Glover (GB) 15-12

Cycling

Men's individual pursuit

SEMI-FINALS: P Ermenault (Fr: 4min 24.082sec) bt A Markov (Rus: 4.26.828; A Collinelli (It: 4.22.775) bt B McGee (Aus: 4.26.121) McGee wins bronze medal

FINAL: A Collinelli (It: 4.20.893) bt P Ermenault (Fr: 4.22.714)

Men's sprint

SECOND ROUND (winners to third round, losers to repechages): G Neiwand (Aus) bt L Vassilopoulos (Gr); C Harnett (Can) bt P Bazalik (Slovakia); M Nothstein (US) bt M Hrbacek (Slovakia); J Fiedler (Ger) bt J Antonio Escuredo (Sp); E Pokorny (Ger) bt J M Moreno (Sp); D Hill (Aus) bt W Clay (US). P Buran (Cz) bt G Himonetos (Gr), F Rousseau (Fr) bt F Magne (Fr); V Berzins (Lat) bt R Chiappa (It)

Women's individual pursuit

QUALIFYING ROUND (top eight to quarter-finals) 1, A Bellutti (It) 3min 34.130sec. 2, M Clignet (Fr) 3.35.774. 3, Y McGregor (GB) 3.39.545. 4, R Twigg (US) 3.39.849; 5, J Arndt (Ger) 3.40.335. 6, S Ulmer (NZ) 3.43.176; 7, R Mazeikyte (Lith) 3.43.590. 8, K Watt (Aus) 3.43.658. 9, M Hartwell (Nor) 3.43.824. 10, N Karimova (Rus) 3.45.246; 11, Wang Qingzhi (China) 3.49.823. 12, S Hashimoto (Japan) 3.52.745.

Equestrianism

Three-day event, individual

LEADERS AFTER SPEED AND ENDURANCE TEST: 1, B Tait (Reddy Teddy, NZ) 56.8pts; 2, S Clark (Squirrel Hill, NZ) 60.4. 3, K Millikin (Out and About, US) 67.2. 4, J Teulere (Rodosto, Fr) 67.2. 5, D O'Connor (Custom Made, US) 68.4; 6, C Van Rijckevorsel (Otis, Bel) 77.4; 7, M King (King William, GB) 78.0, 8, C Bathe (The Cool Customer, GB) 78.6. 9, C Hunnable (Mr Bootsie, GB) 81.4; 10, H Von Paepcke (Amadeus, Ger) 82.20

Fencing

Men's team foil

QUALIFYING ROUND: South Korea bt China 45-42; Poland bt Venezuela 45-27. Austria bt United States 45-32

QUARTER-FINALS: Cuba bt South Korea 45-34. Russia bt Hungary 45-43. Poland bt Germany 45-44. Austria bt Italy 45-38

Women's team foil

QUALIFYING ROUND: Russia bt Argentina 45-20; China bt Israel 45-29; Poland bt United States 45-44

QUARTER-FINALS: Italy bt China 45-24. Hungary bt France 45-26; Romania bt Russia 45-41. Germany bt Poland 45-35

Handball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Kuwait 22 Croatia 31

Rowing

Men's single sculls

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) Heat one: 1, X Mueller (Switz) 7min 10.07sec; 2, D Porter (Can) 7.14.91; 3, F Bekken (Nor) 7.19.82. 4, A Imrahim (Egypt) 7.22.43; 5, S Fernandez (Arg) 7.23.70. 6, P Haining (GB) 7.30.47. Heat two: 1, T Lange (Ger) 7.12.30. 2, I Cop (Slovenia) 7.15.07. 3, V Chalupa (Cz) 7.16.97. 4, R Waddell (NZ) 7.18.52; 5, C Beasley (US) 7.31.49; 6, H Nussbaumer (Austria) 7.35.52

Men's double sculls

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) Heat one: 1, Italy (D Tizzano and A Abbagnale) 6min 37.49sec; 2, Norway (K Undset and S Stoerseth) 6.40.15, 3, Germany (S Mayer and R Opfer) 6.42.57, 4, Canada 6.46.35, 5, Belgium 6.48.13; 6, Slovakia 6.55.73. Heat two: 1, France (F Kowal and S Barathay) 6.32.86; 2, Austria (A Konke and C Zerbst) 6.35.76. 3, Denmark (L Christensen and M Halbohansen) 6.37.10; 4, Australia 6.39.49; 5, Latvia 6.40.38; 6, Croatia 7.03.53.

Men's coxless pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) Heat one: 1, Australia (D Weightman and R Scott) 6.46.43; 2, France (M Andrieux and J-C Rolland) 6.49.15, 3, Croatia (M Banovic and N Saraga) 6.55.89; 4, Austria 6.57.44; 5, Lithuania 6.57.75; 6, Bulgaria 7.00.12. Heat two: 1, Great Britain (S Redgrave and M Pinsent) 6.50.30, 2, New Zealand (T Dunlop and D Schaper) 6.51.64; 3, Italy (M Perna and W Bottega) 6.52.32; 4, United States 6.52.92; 5, Belgium 6.55.84; 6, Argentina 7.14.59

Men's coxless fours

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) Heat one: 1, France (G Bosquet, D Fauche, B Vecten, O Moncelet) 6.09.58. 2, Italy (V Molea, R Dei Rossi, R Leonardo, C Mornati) 6.09.62. 3, Australia (D Ginn, J Tomkins, N Green, M McKay) 6.09.95; 4, Croatia 6.12.40; 5, Norway 6.15.17; 6, China 6.25.79. Heat two: 1, Great Britain (R Obholzer, J Searle, G Searle, T Foster) 6.10.78; 2, Romania (C Mann, D Alupei, D Popescu, V Mastacan) 6.11.84; 3, Slovenia (D Zvegelj, J Kemencic, M Jansa, S Mujkic) 6.13.14; 4, Poland 6.16.65; 5, United States 6.18.68; 6, Germany 6.19.06

Women's single sculls

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, S Laumann (Can) 7.57.68; 2, Y Khodotovich (Belo) 8.00.02. 3, M Brandin (Swe) 8.01.55; 4, A Bredael (Bel) 8.05.78, 5, R Neykova (Bul) 8.15.63; 6, L Fiiskie-Beserra (Fin) 8.25.00. Heat two: 1, T Hansen (Den) 7.53.46; 2, R Davidon (US) 7.54.97, 3, G Batten (GB) 7.56.61. 4, E Lipa (Rom) 8.01.84; 5, C Garcia (Fr) 8.13.37; 6, Lu Xiaochun (China) 8.15.83

Women's double sculls

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) Heat one: 1, Canada (M McBean and K Heddle) 7.11.21, 2, New Zealand (P Baker and B Lawson) 7.15.57, 3, Australia (M Hatzakis and B Roye) 7.15.58. 4, Bulgaria 7.18.33, 5, United States 7.21.97; 6, Italy 7.38.85. Heat two: 1, China (Cao Mianying and Zhang Xiuyun) 7.15.47; 2, Holland (I Eijs and E van Nes) 7.16.39; 3, Germany (J Thieme and M Lutze) 7.19.62. 4, Norway 7.26.24. 5, Ukraine 7.28.53; 6, Latvia 7.32.00

Women's coxless pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final) 1, United States (M Schwen and K Kraft) 7.29.31; 2, Australia (M Still and K Slatter) 7.32.47; 3, Russia (A Ligachova and V Pochitayeva) 7.36.37; 4, China 7.36.40; 5, Holland 7.48.40. 6, South Africa 7.56.41. Heat two: 1, France (C Gosse and H Cortin) 7.30.21. 2, Canada (E Robinson and A van der Kamp) 7.32.02; 3, Germany (K Haacker and S Werremeier) 7.34.80. 4, Romania 7.44.47; 5, Czech Representative 7.48.40; 6, Great Britain (K Mackenzie and P Cross) 7.59.57

Hockey

Men's preliminary round

POOL B: South Africa 3 South Korea 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Holland	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Australia	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
South Africa	3	0	3	0	6	6	3
Great Britain	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
South Korea	3	0	2	1	7	8	2
Malaysia	2	0	1	1	2	4	1

Women's round-robin

Great Britain 2 Spain 2, Holland 4, Germany 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Australia	3	3	0	0	12	1	6
South Korea	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Germany	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Holland	4	1	2	1	7	8	4
Great Britain	4	1	2	1	4	8	4
United States	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Argentina	3	1	0	2	2	9	2
Spain	3	0	1	3	3	9	1

Shooting

Men's 50-metre free rifle, prone

QUALIFYING ROUND (first eight qualify for final) 1, C Klees (Ger) 600pts (world record). 2, J Gonci (Slovakia) 599; 3, S Martynov (Belo) 598; 4, S Beliaev (Kaz) 598; 5, B Meek (US) 597; 6, J Gonzalez (Sp) 597, 7, Eun-chul Lee (S Kor) 596; 8, M Mach (Cz) 596; equal 9, R Debevec (Slovenia) and S Kovalenko (Rus) 596; equal 11, V Becvar (Cz), R Krasikowski (Pol), Wenjie Li (China), Y Lomov (Kyr), O Mykhaylov (Ukr), I Pirekeev (Turkmenistan), S Pletikosic (Yug), B Rücker (Ger) and Z Varl (Hun) 595; equal 20, Xianjun Chen (China), T Czerwinski (Pol), A Kradzhibekov (Rus), K Koch (Switz), G Maksimovic (Yug) and B Polak (Isr) 594; equal 26, J Herskov (Den), J Henn (SA), G Stark (Isr) and A Zumbach (Switz) 593; equal 30, M Bury (Fr), M Dion (Can), N Kurita (Japan), G Nekhaev (Belo), H Stenvaag (Nor) and E Uptegrafft (US) 592; equal 36, Young-chul Cha (S Kor), N P Haakedal (Nor) and S Petterson (NZ) 591; equal 39, R Chassat (Fr), T Grimmel (Den) and W Walbel (Austria) 590, equal 42, T Farnik (Austria), P Gabrielsson (Swe), J Hirvi (Fin), B Meredith (US VI) and M Yanagida (Japan) 589; 47, R Rodriguez (P Rico) 588; 48, J Stern (GB) 587; 52, G Dult (Ire) 580

FINAL: 1, C Klees (Ger) 704.8; S Beliaev (Kaz) 703.3; 3, J Gonci (Slovakia) 701.9.

Softball

Round-robin

China 8 Holland 0

Swimming

Men's 50m freestyle

HEATS (fastest eight qualify for final): Heat one: 1, W Lawrence (Dom R) 27.88sec; 2, M Nazim (Mald) 28.37, 3, R Makosso (Congo) 30.00. Heat two: 1, K Rivera (US VI) 24.62; 2, H Hinds (Netherlands Antilles) 24.63; 3, Huang Chih-Yung (Taiwan) 24.89; 4, A Canela (Para) 24.91; 5, M Collier (S Leone) 34.21. Heat three: 1, N Tongue (NZ) 23.73. 2, A Li (HK) 23.77. 3, M Cazmirciuc (Mold) 23.78. 4, D Bollinger (Guat) 23.97; 5, K Berberoglu (Tur) 24.37. 6, T Kerekjarto (Hun) 24.67; 7, Ju Wei Sing (Sing) 25.04; 8, E Guliyev (Azer) 25.29. Heat four: 1, Y Matsushita (Japan) 23.60; equal 2, S Iles (Alg) and J Blomqvist (Fin) 23.61, 4, R Nachayev (Uzb) 23.93; 5, T Zinhom (Egypt) 24.02. 6, S Xavier (India) 24.15, 7, A Loncar (Cro) 24.17; 8, V Vasilev (Kyr) 24.54. Heat five: 1, S Brinn (Jam) 23.35. 2, S Mihaelides (Cyp) 23.37, 3, E Unscheer (Sur) 23.45; 4, H Legault (Can) 23.63; 5, P Trindade (Por) 23.73, 6, R Bera (Indo) 23.80; 7, N O'Hare (Ire) 24.03. A Ioanovici (Rom) disqualified. Heat six: 1, R Busquets (P Rico) 22.61. 2, F Delgado (Ec) 23.26; equal 3, S Borisenko (Kaz) and I Sei (Est) 23.29. 5, B Kizierowski (Pol) 23.34, 6, J Benavides (Sp) 23.36. 7, P Lindstrom (Swe) 23.47; 8, G Gizlotis (Gr) 23.56. Heat seven: 1, Jiang Chengji (China) 22.55, equal 2, B Zikarsky (Ger) and F Sanchez (Ven) 22.68, 4, R Gusperti (It) 22.85. 5, P Khnykin (Ukr) 22.91; 6, R Mazuolis (Lith) 22.98; 7, A Luderitz (Ger) 23.06, 8, J Meolans (Arg) 23.21. Heat eight: 1, G Hall (US) 22.38. 2, B Dedekind (SA) 22.60; 3, F Scherer (Br) 22.68, 4, M Foster (GB) 22.73, 5, Y Vlasov (Ukr) 22.77; 6, C Kalfayan (Fr) 22.83. 7, V Predkin (Rus) 23.03; 8, D Kalinovsky (Belo) 23.61. Heat nine: 1, A Popov (Rus) 22.22. 2, D Fox (US) 22.64, 3, A Murray (Bah) 22.75, 4, P van den Hoogenband (Hol) 22.82. 5, G Borges (Br) 22.86, 6, C Fydler (Aus) 22.98. 7, O Rukhlevich (Belo) 23.12; 8, Y Bruck (Isr) 23.22

Women's 200m backstroke

HEATS (fastest eight qualify for final) Heat one: 1, M Grozdanic (Yug) 2min 20.65sec, 2, P Minpraphal (Thai) 2.21.82, 3, D Kvesic (Bosnia) 2.23.78. Heat two: 1, J Howard (Can) 2.17.25, 2, A Kolvisto (Fin) 2.19.58, 3, P Chaves (Por) 2.20.49, 4, G Thomson (Phil) 2.21.36, 5, A Hapkou (Gr) 2.22.83; 6, Lin Chi-Chen (Taiwan) 2.24.50. Heat three: 1, N Zhivanevskaya (Rus) 2.13.32; 2, L Vigarani (It) 2.13.58; 3, B Botsford (US) 2.14.16, equal 4, H Ricardo (Fr) and Lee Chang-ha (S Kor) 2.14.18; 6, I Burczyk (Pol) 2.16.91, 7, I Mana (Sp) 2.18.72; 8, Wu Yanyan (China) 2.20.89. Heat four: 1, W Hedgepeth (US) 2.11.63; 2, A Scholz (Ger) 2.12.73, 3, M Nakao (Japan) 2.12.92. 4, C Casaru (Rom) 2.15.92, 5, M Kriel (SA) 2.15.99; 6, M Jacobsen (Den) 2.16.68; 7, N Stevenson (Aus) 2.16.71, 8, Y Gervy (Bel) 2.18.69. Heat five: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun) 2.09.18; 2, C Rund (Ger) 2.13.58; 3, A Simcic (NZ) 2.13.74; 4, Chen Yan (China) 2.14.74; 5, M Nakamura (Japan) 2.15.05, 6, J Deakins (GB) 2.15.12, 7, K Pivonkova (Cz) 2.18.20; 8, L Lipscombe (NZ) 2.19.54.

Volleyball

Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Argentina bt Bulgaria 15-10, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10.

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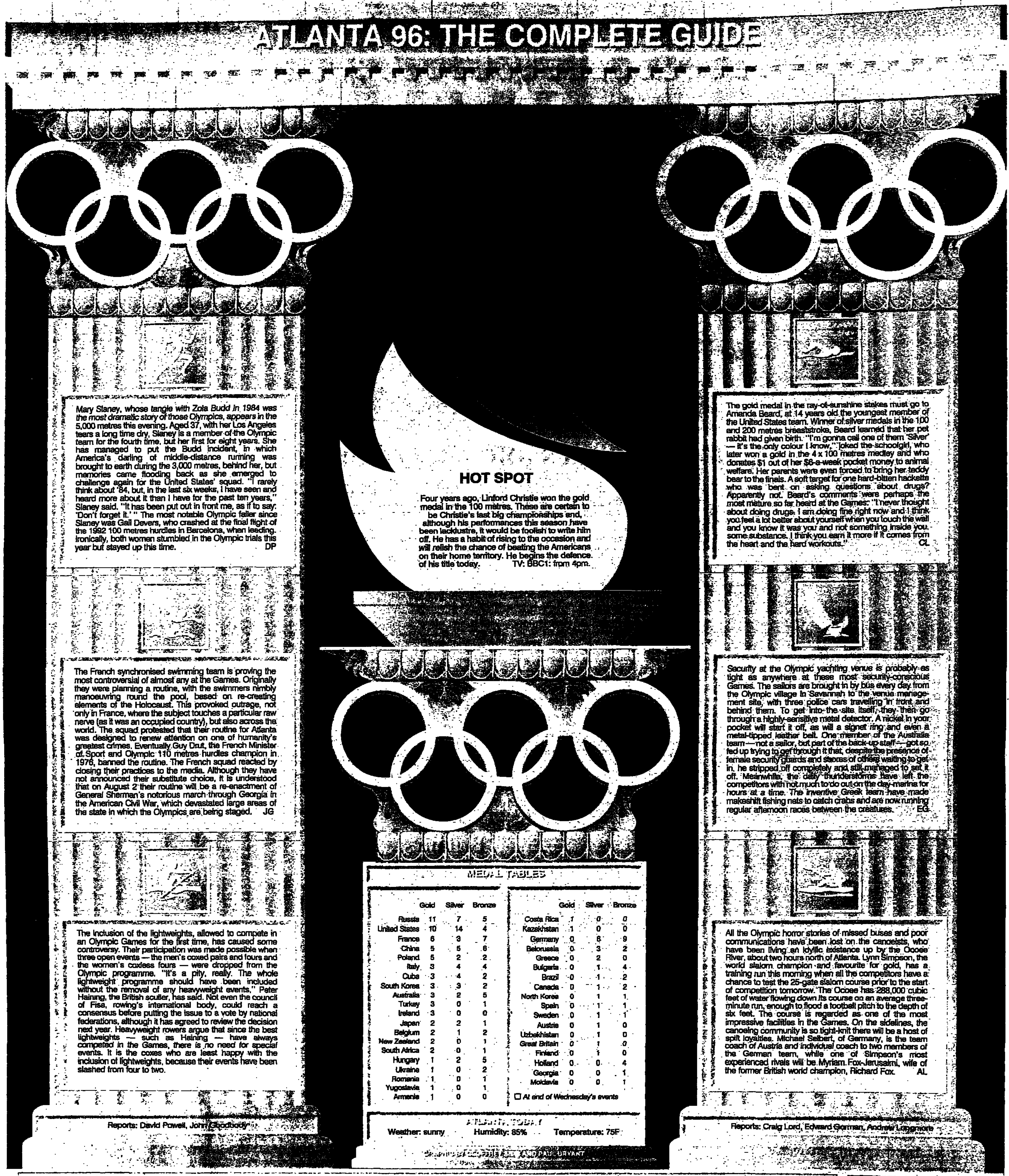

Mary Slaney, whose tangle with Zola Budd in 1984 was the most dramatic story of those Olympics, appears in the 5,000 metres this evening. Aged 37, with her Los Angeles tears a long time dry, Slaney is a member of the Olympic team for the fourth time, but her first for eight years. She has managed to put the Budd incident, in which America's darling of middle-distance running was brought to earth during the 3,000 metres, behind her, but memories came flooding back as she emerged to challenge again for the United States' squad. "I rarely think about '84, but, in the last six weeks, I have seen and heard more about it than I have for the past ten years," Slaney said. "It has been put out in front me, as if to say: 'Don't forget it.' " The most notable Olympic faller since Slaney was Gail Devers, who crashed at the final flight of the 1992 100 metres hurdles in Barcelona, when leading. Ironically, both women stumbled in the Olympic trials this year but stayed up this time. DP

The French synchronised swimming team is proving the most controversial of almost any at the Games. Originally they were planning a routine, with the swimmers nimbly manoeuvring round the pool, based on re-creating elements of the Holocaust. This provoked outrage, not only in France, where the subject touches a particular raw nerve (as it was an occupied country), but also across the world. The squad protested that their routine for Atlanta was designed to renew attention on one of humanity's greatest crimes. Eventually Guy Drut, the French Minister of Sport and Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion in 1976, banned the routine. The French squad reacted by closing their practices to the media. Although they have not announced their substitute choice, it is understood that on August 2 their routine will be a re-enactment of General Sherman's notorious march through Georgia in the American Civil War, which devastated large areas of the state in which the Olympics are being staged. JG

The inclusion of the lightweights, allowed to compete in an Olympic Games for the first time, has caused some controversy. Their participation was made possible when three open events — the men's coxed pairs and fours and the women's coxless fours — were dropped from the Olympic programme. "It's a pity, really. The whole lightweight programme should have been included without the removal of any heavyweight events," Peter Haining, the British sculler, has said. Not even the council of Fisa, rowing's international body, could reach a consensus before putting the issue to a vote by national federations, although it has agreed to review the decision next year. Heavyweight rowers argue that since the best lightweights — such as Haining — have always competed in the Games, there is no need for special events. It is the coxes who are least happy with the inclusion of lightweights, because their events have been slashed from four to two.

Reports: David Powell, John Goodbody

HOT SPOT

Four years ago, Linford Christie won the gold medal in the 100 metres. These are certain to be Christie's last big championships and, although his performances this season have been lacklustre, it would be foolish to write him off. He has a habit of rising to the occasion and will relish the chance of beating the Americans on their home territory. He begins the defence of his title today. TV: BBC1: from 4pm.

MEDAL TABLES

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Russia	11	7	5
United States	10	14	4
France	6	3	7
China	5	5	6
Poland	5	2	2
Italy	3	4	4
Cuba	3	4	2
South Korea	3	3	2
Australia	3	2	5
Turkey	3	0	1
Ireland	3	0	0
Japan	2	2	1
Belgium	2	1	2
New Zealand	2	0	1
South Africa	2	0	1
Hungary	1	2	5
Ukraine	1	0	2
Romania	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	1
Armenia	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Kazakhstan	1	0	0
Germany	0	6	9
Belorussia	0	3	2
Greece	0	2	0
Bulgaria	0	1	4
Brazil	0	1	2
Canada	0	1	2
North Korea	0	1	1
Spain	0	1	1
Sweden	0	1	1
Austria	0	1	0
Uzbekhistan	0	1	0
Great Britain	*0*	*1*	*0*
Finland	0	1	0
Holland	0	0	4
Georgia	0	0	1
Moldavia	0	0	1

☐ *At end of Wednesday's events*

ATLANTA TODAY

Weather: sunny Humidity: 85% Temperature: 75F

[illegible] AND PAUL BRYANT

The gold medal in the ray-of-sunshine stakes must go to Amanda Beard, at 14 years old the youngest member of the United States team. Winner of silver medals in the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke, Beard learned that her pet rabbit had given birth. "I'm gonna call one of them 'Silver' — it's the only colour I know," joked the schoolgirl, who later won a gold in the 4 x 100 metres medley and who donates $1 out of her $6-a-week pocket money to animal welfare. Her parents were even forced to bring her teddy bear to the finals. A soft target for one hard-bitten hackette who was bent on asking questions about drugs? Apparently not. Beard's comments were perhaps the most mature so far heard at the Games: "I never thought about doing drugs. I am doing fine right now and I think you feel a lot better about yourself when you touch the wall and you know it was you and not something inside you, some substance. I think you earn it more if it comes from the heart and the hard workouts." CL

Security at the Olympic yachting venue is probably as tight as anywhere at these most security-conscious Games. The sailors are brought in by bus every day from the Olympic village in Savannah to the venue management site, with three police cars travelling in front and behind them. To get into the site itself, they then go through a highly-sensitive metal detector. A nickel in your pocket will start it off, as will a signet ring and even a metal-tipped leather belt. One member of the Australia team — not a sailor, but part of the back-up staff — got so fed up trying to get through it that, despite the presence of female security guards and scores of others waiting to get in, he stripped off completely and still managed to set it off. Meanwhile, the daily thunderstorms have left the competitors with not much to do out on the day-marina for *hours at a time. The inventive Greek team have made* makeshift fishing nets to catch crabs and are now running regular afternoon races between the creatures. EG

All the Olympic horror stories of missed buses and poor communications have been lost on the canoeists, who have been living an idyllic existence up by the Ocoee River, about two hours north of Atlanta. Lynn Simpson, the world slalom champion and favourite for gold, has a training run this morning when all the competitors have a chance to test the 25-gate slalom course prior to the start of competition tomorrow. The Ocoee has 288,000 cubic feet of water flowing down its course on an average three-minute run, enough to flood a football pitch to the depth of six feet. The course is regarded as one of the most impressive facilities in the Games. On the sidelines, the canoeing community is so tight-knit there will be a host of split loyalties. Michael Seibert, of Germany, is the team coach of Austria and individual coach to two members of the German team, while one of Simpson's most experienced rivals will be Myriam Fox-Jerusalmi, wife of the former British world champion, Richard Fox. AL

Reports: Craig Lord, Edward Gorman, Andrew Longmore

TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

ATHLETICS: 20km walk (13.00); men's high jump, qualifying (14.00); women's 100m, first round (15.00); men's shot, qualifying (15.05); men's 100m, first round (16.00); women's 400m, first round (17.00); women's javelin, qualifying (21.30 and 23.00); women's 800m, heats (22.00); women's 100m, second round (23.05); men's triple jump, qualifying (23.10); men's 100m, second round (23.35); men's 400m, first round (00.00); women's 5,000m, heats (00.50); men's shot, final (01.00); men's 10,000m, heats (02.15).

BADMINTON: Men's singles, third round (14.00 and 19.00); women's singles, second (14.00) and third (19.00 and 01.00) rounds; mixed doubles, first round (01.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Angola v Lithuania (17.00); Argentina v Croatia (01.00); United States v China (03.00). Pool B: Puerto Rico v Australia (15.00); South Korea v Greece (20.00); Brazil v Yugoslavia (22.00)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Men's and women's (15.00 and 19.30).

BOXING: Light-flyweight, lightweight and middleweight, second round (18.30 and 01.00)

CYCLING: Men: Team pursuit, qualifying (13.30) and quarter-finals (16.50); sprint, third round (15.45) and repechages (16.30). Women: Sprint, quarter-finals (15.30) and semi-finals (17.20). individual pursuit, quarter-finals (18.55).

DIVING: Women's platform, preliminaries (20.00)

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event: individual jumping (final discipline, 16.00).

HANDBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: Hungary v China (15.00), Denmark v United States (19.30). Pool B: Norway v Angola (17.00); South Korea v Germany (21.30).

HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Germany v Argentina (14.00); Pakistan v India (22.30), Spain v United States (01.00). Women's round-robin: United States v Germany (22.30); Australia v Great Britain (01.00)

JUDO: Men's under 60kg and women's under 48kg, preliminaries (14.30) and 30), finals (20.00).

ROWING: Men: Semi-finals: Lightweight double sculls (14.00); lightweight coxless fours (14.40); quadruple sculls (15.00). Women: Semi-finals: Lightweight double sculls (14.20).

SHOOTING: Men: 10-metre running target, preliminaries (14.00) and final (19.30); skeet, preliminaries (15.00). Women: Sport pistol, precision qualifying (13.30), rapid fire qualifying (15.00) and precision final (17.00).

SOFTBALL: Round-robin: Japan v Puerto Rico (14.00); United States v Australia (16.30); Canada v Holland (23.30); China v Taiwan (02.00).

SWIMMING: Heats at 15.05 for evening finals. Finals: Men: 200m backstroke (00.55); 1,500m freestyle (01.43); 4 x 100m medley relay (02.20). Women: 200m butterfly (00.33); 50m freestyle (01.18).

TABLE TENNIS: Men's singles, round-robin (15.00 and 01.00); women's singles, round-robin (15.00); women's doubles, quarter-finals (00.00).

TENNIS: Men's and women's singles, second round and men's and women's doubles, first round (15.00).

VOLLEYBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: Holland v South Korea (17.30); China v Ukraine (21.00); United States v Japan (00.30). Pool B: Russia v Peru (15.00); Germany v Cuba (23.30); Canada v Brazil (03.00).

***WATER POLO:** Quarter-finals (20.00, 21.40, 23.20 and 03.00).*

WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 83kg: Group B (17.30) and group A (final, 21.00).

YACHTING: Two races to be sailed in each class: men's and women's Mistral, Soling, Tornado (18.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

7.0-9.0am Olympic Breakfast, 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand (with cricket from Lord's), 7.0-8.30pm The Essential Olympics, 10.15pm-4.25am Olympic Grandstand.

BBC2

5.35-7.0pm Olympic Grandstand (after close of play at Lord's), 8.30-10.15pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.0-2.0am Olympic Grandstand.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Angry Scherbo left to count cost of judges' discretion

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

OH! OH! What a referee! The cry is as old as sport. It is no different in the Olympic Games — worst of all, perhaps, in those arbitrarily-judged spellbinders, figure skating and gymnastics. The loudest sound at the Georgia Dome in the men's individual all-round gymnastics competition was Vitalyi Scherbo's opinion of the judges.

The Belorussian, who won six gold medals at the last Games when competing for the Unified Team, was grumbling round by round, as much as anything about what he regarded as unfairly low marks for Alexei Nemov, the young Russian, in his duel with Xiaoshuang Li, the eventual champion, China's first.

A margin of only 0.049 points separated Nemov and Li, which any neutral, rational observer might think to be impossibly fine for judgment by the naked eye in a total, for Li, of 58.423 — the third-smallest margin since the competition's inception in 1900 at Paris. As well to try counting, while in motion, the competitors' eyelashes.

A Russian has a strange way of condensing untold emotion within an expressionless face. Scherbo, a White Russian, wore a look that could kill. After a traumatic eight months, during which his wife had nearly died in a car crash at their new home in Pennsylvania, he was angry: at his own failure and that Nemov, his former Soviet colleague, had not defeated Li, of whose ability he has a critical opinion.

Asked what his wife, Irina, who persuaded him to continue preparing for the Games after her accident, would think of his bronze medal, Scherbo replied tartly: "She expected the gold. We don't know the colour of other medals." Furthermore, he promised that when he retires, he will join the technical commission of the International Gymnastics Federation "and teach them how to judge". He considered Nemov had been seriously under-scored in his final floor exercise, when Li was simultaneously marked eight-tenths better on the high bar.

There had been tension between Scherbo and Li ever since the 22-year-old Chinese, having beaten Scherbo in the world championships last year in Japan, had wondered out loud whether his title was worthy, in the absence there of Nemov. He regarded Scherbo as "weak on rings — and an all-round champion must excel in all six disciplines". Whatever the technique of Li, a bare 5ft 3in, Scherbo, who competes at every moment with the air of one giving an exhibition, considers him lacking in style.

In spite of questionable, subjective marking, the fluctuation of placing, event by event, made compulsive viewing. After the first discipline, the pommel horse for Nemov and Scherbo, floor for Li and his colleague, Jinjing Zhang, the order was Nemov first, Scherbo sixth, Li fifth and Zhang eighth. In the next round, Scherbo's performance on rings, substantiating Li's comments, saw him slip to eleventh, while Li and Zhang, on parallel bars, had climbed to second and third.

Slowly, Scherbo began to haul himself back into contention: sixth, then fourth, then third after vault, parallel bars and high bar. Meanwhile, a 9.775 on rings by Li, explosive in his somersaults and twists, had taken the lead over the imposing Nemov.

In the fifth rotation, a superb high-bar display by Nemov, revolving spectacularly with the release-and-regain grip that is so difficult and dangerous, regained the lead by 0.038 with 9.800, his highest mark of the evening, against Li's relatively poor 9.650 on parallel bars. At these margins, perhaps the judges themselves should get medals for judging.

To the climax. Scherbo, with his best mark of 9.787 on the high bar, was nonetheless out of reach of gold and silver, never mind a superb floor exercise, floating as though on a cushion of mercury. The crowd, and clearly he, thought his mark of 9.762 an insult.

The contest was between Nemov and Li. Li went through his routine on the parallel bars with the precision of a grocer slicing ham. Nemov, on the floor, missed a twist, tried to improvise and reintroduce it, but missed a final step. Scherbo was grandly condescending towards the winner. "He's improved," the deposed champion said. "He found some culture."

Redgrave and Pinsent cross the line first in their semi-final of the coxless pairs on Lake Lanier yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Redgrave and Pinsent remain on course

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL

GREAT Britain crews produced inspirational performances in the first day of semi-finals at Lake Lanier yesterday, winning three places in the finals, which take place on Saturday.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the defending coxless pairs champions, led the charge with a first place in their semi-final. The American media had built up the prospects of their rivals from the United States, Michael Peterson and Jonathan Holland, and the locals duly blasted off, to the crowd's delight, to lead Britain over the first half of the race.

The British pair, rowing at a lower rate, looked calm, however, and then pushed in a third quarter in 1min 43sec to take the lead at the 1,500 metre mark; the broken Americans finished fourth.

The Britons were happier than they had been after their first-round race. "We were influenced by the crews around us then," Pinsent said. "We rowed the race we wanted to today without expending too much energy."

Redgrave agreed. "If we had gone off to race the USA, we might have been in the B final with them," he said. Australia, winners of the other semi-final, look more threatening than earlier in the season. "It is a serious business now," Redgrave added. "All the playing has been done."

Great Britain's 1992 coxed pair Olympic champions, Greg and Jonny Searle, then

took centre stage in the coxless fours with Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster and, after a blistering first 500 metres in which the British never rated below 40 strokes per minute, they were fourth with less than a length covering all six crews. At halfway, Romania led, but Britain were second, rowing economically, and, like the pair, they pushed in the third quarter to take pole position and win the race with a final flourish, rating at 42½.

The performance suggests that they will be capable of living with the best in the event, France pipping Italy, the world champions, and Australia, the Olympic champions, in the fractionally faster other semi-final. Tim Foster summed up the thoughts of many when he said: "It could be any one of six on Saturday. Winning the semi-final means nothing. Everyone starts equal in the final."

The performances of Britain's established stars were matched by the rising star, Guin Batten, in the women's sculls. Batten, not overawed by "the best field I have ever raced in", produced one of her best starts, but was lying in fifth place at 500 metres.

She passed Liu, from China, by halfway, but was well adrift of the vital third place. She moved up a little by 1,500 meters and was overlapping Ruth Davidon, of the United States, but Davidon rallied and moved away when, 300 metres from home, Batten passed Peter Haining, her training partner, on the way to his final.

"Guin, you can do it. They are fading," came a shout. Batten believed it and overtook Elisabeta Lipa, of Romania, the 1992 Olympic champion, to take third place and book an appearance in the Olympic final.

Unfortunately, Haining, having proved Batten's inspiration, could not continue the British run of success and finally succumbed to heavier opponents in his semi-final, again into an unwanted headwind. He will race in the B final, as will Philippa Cross and Kate Mackenzie in the women's coxless pairs.

Johnson spares Britain's blushes

Great Britain 2
Spain 2

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE Great Britain women's hockey team dropped a precious point in the Olympic round-robin tournament yesterday, being held to a 2-2 draw by Spain in a game of changing fortunes. It was a match that Britain should have won comfortably, having secured the territorial advantage and created many opportunities.

Spain had lost all three of their previous matches, yet, with barely four minutes to go, they were in sight of victory. Only then did a goal from a short corner by Kathy Johnson spare Britain's blushes.

The Spaniards had choked the middle of the field and checked the flow of Britain's attacks, but an early offensive earned a rich reward, Sue Fraser converting their second short corner with a strong hit in the eighteenth minute. A stick save by Johnson deprived the Spanairds of a reply from a short corner two minutes later.

Two minutes after that, though, Spain were awarded another short corner, from which Dorado scored. Britain immediately called on three substitutes — Christine Cook, Tina Cullen and Mandy Nicholls — all of whom set a lively pace.

In the second half, a solo run by Sixsmith led to a sequence of short corners that yielded no reward. Spain then went ahead in the 55th minute from a scramble that followed a short corner. The scorer was Gaballenes, a substitute forward, whose excursion down the right had provoked the short corner.

Britain, advancing in high gear, earned their eighth short corner in the 66th minute. The initial shot by Fraser was blocked, but Johnson was on hand to score on the rebound.

GREAT BRITAIN: H Rose; S Fraser, K Johnson, K Brown, J Atkins (captain), M Davies, P Robertson, T Miller, J Sixsmith, R Simpson, A Bennett. Substitutes used: C Cook, T Cullen, M Nicholls, J Mould.

SPAIN: M Gonzales; C Gonzales, E Urquizu, N Dorado (captain), C Barea, B Larzabel, S de Ignacio-simo, T Motos, S Barrio, M Tallerra, M Feito. Substitutes used: S Marique, N Gabellanes, M Rueda, L Lopez.

Umpires: R Chatas (United States), M Lee (South Korea).

British players celebrate their late equaliser

South Africa pounce on slips

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SOUTH Korea, the Asian champions, who are considered the dark horses of the Olympic men's hockey tournament, let a 3-1 lead against South Africa slip in the final minutes and were held to a 3-3 draw yesterday.

Both sides remain without a win after three matches, but South Africa's third draw enabled them to join the group leaders, Holland and Australia.

South Africa, newcomers to Olympic hockey, dominated the game only in the early and final minutes. South Korea led 1-0 at half-time from a 27th-minute penalty corner goal by Park Shin-heum, their most skilful midfield player. They should have been further ahead, but missed three or four chances in open play, and eventually increased their lead in the 51st minute with another penalty corner goal, scored by the full back, Shin Seok-kyu. Four minutes later, Gregory Nicol reduced South Korea's lead from a corner, but, on the hour, the Asian champions restored a two-goal margin with a tap-in by Kim Young-kyu.

Korea, passing too short in the closing minutes, presented South Africa with opportunities to attack. The African champions saved the game with a penalty stroke conversion by William Fulton in the 66th minute and another penalty corner goal by Nicol with two minutes remaining.

Hundreds of Asian expatriates from across the United States have descended on Atlanta ahead of the match between India and Pakistan. The Clark Atlanta University campus, the Olympic hockey venue, is is the focus for hordes of Indians and Pakistanis seeking tickets for the match.

Touts were selling $22 tickets for $100 after Games officials said the match at the 15,000-capacity Morris Brown College was sold out in June.

"The demand is heavy, but we just don't have tickets", Roger Caruth, the press officer at the University, said. "No one anticipated this."

The rival camps appeared cool about the key encounter, which would throw the loser out of the race for semi-final placings.

Australians shine in Star clashes

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SAVANNAH

COLIN BEASHEL and David Giles, of Australia, have put together what may turn out to be a decisive opening four races in the Star class with three wins and an eleventh place, to lead from Torben Grael and Marcelo Ferreira, the experienced Brazilians.

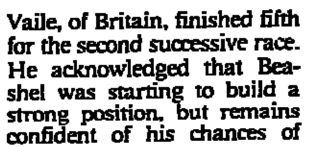
Beashel, a former 5.5 metre and International Etchells world champion, who played a crucial part in the Australian victory in the America's Cup in 1983, when he was John Bertrand's mainsheet trimmer, is no stranger to Olympic Star sailing, having competed in the last three Games, finishing seventh in the last two.

With a net score after four races of just three points, Beashel has a useful lead over Grael, another Olympic veteran who won bronze in the class in Seoul, who has nine points. A point further back are the defending gold medal-winners from the United States, Mark Reynolds and Hal Haenel.

In the fourth race on Wednesday, Beashel recovered from a moderate start in light, shifty winds and lumpy seas with the threat of thunderstorms looming. Reynolds led initially, with Csaba Haranghy, of Hungary, also having a good start. Yet Beashel picked up a shift on the left and rounded the windward mark 11sec ahead of David Burrows, of Ireland.

With only 6sec seperating the next six boats and a lot of jostling at the mark, Beashel, with clear air, was able to extend his lead. He finished between 20 and 30 boat-lengths ahead of Michael Hestbaek, of Denmark, with Anastasios Boudouris, of Greece, third. Although there are still a possible seven races to go, Beashel has already established a psychological hold on the fleet.

Reynolds, the favourite, whose gold in Barcelona followed a silver in Seoul behind Mike McIntyre and Bryn



Vaile, of Britain, finished fifth for the second successive race. He acknowledged that Beashel was starting to build a strong position, but remains confident of his chances of defending his title.

Glyn Charles and George Skuodas, the British pairing, finished seventeenth and are unlikely to recover. Nevertheless, the Great Britain team has had a good start to the regatta, with medal chances in at least five classes. Ben Ainslie has recovered from a poor start in the Lasers to be fifth overall. Shirley Robertson won the fourth race in the Europe fleet to be third overall. Penny Wilson, in the women's windsurfing, is sixth and Andy Beadsworth in the Solings, is lying third. John Merricks and Ian Walker in the 470s had a horrible start, losing out to a big shift on the first beat to finish fifteenth.

Vine tune-in recommended for weighty entertainment

MATTHEW BOND
ON THE
TELEVISION
MARATHON

Night six — only 48 hours until the athletics and everyone starts bragging about how late they stayed up the night before. Don't you just hate Johnny-come-latelies?

Most of them, of course, will be lying, bluffing their way through by tuning in to the endless re-runs that both Olympic channels, the BBC and Eurosport, have on offer. By last night, Michelle Smith had won her third gold medal half a dozen times on BBC1 alone.

Eurosport is rather more honest. Each morning, it kicks off its 24-hour-a-day coverage with *Good Morning Atlanta*, which it promptly repeats twice. All I can say to those who succumb to this video-taped temptation is ... what sensible people you are.

Heresy, of course. Get a grip, get another cup of coffee and get something less comfortable to sit on. Remember, we're doing this the hard way.

Yet, it needn't be that hard. For those who are flagging, might I recommend 30 minutes or so of David Vine and his weightlifters. The BBC has 50 commentators in Atlanta. Many of them are familiar voices, but many of them are cropping up in unfamiliar places.

The familiarity of the voice is supposed to attract the browsing viewer. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Barry Davies at the gymnastics I have grown used to, but Clive Tyldesley doing basketball ... well, it doesn't seem right.

Vine on weightlifting is wonderful, though. Those who know about the sport may hate him, but, for those of us who pass through once every four years, he is ideal. He explains, he educates and he always entertains. His speciality could be described as the Johnny Morris school of commentary, putting words in the mouths of those unable to answer back.

"My goodness," he said during the 76kg class on Wednesday night as a Bulgarian coach engaged his charge in a strange pre-lift headlock. "talk about preparation. I thought he was going to pull his ears off." A few minutes later, he spotted a Greek coach animatedly delivering a few home truths. "All that is Greek for 'what do you think you're doing out there.'"

If he just clowned around, you would quickly weary of him, but Vine, veteran of *It's a Knockout*, *A Question of Sport* and umpteen seasons of *Ski Sunday*, has been around far too long to fall into that trap. He knows enough about technique and judging to explain it to us and he knows enough about the competitors to make the event worth watching. In each case, his assumption is that we know nothing. At any other time of year, it would probably be the wrong one, but for the Olympics, when we all want to be two-minute experts, it is perfect.

By and large, the BBC has done an excellent job of remembering to explain the basic rules of each Olympic sport. The computer simulation of gymnastics may leave me feeling seasick, but at least I understand what Barry Davies is talking about now — except when he starts quoting Browning.

Nigel Starmer-Smith provided a similarly helpful starter pack for hockey, while on Wednesday night Hugh Porter managed to explain the mysteries of follow-my-leader cycle sprints in one sentence. Why had no one mentioned slipstreaming before?

The one notable exception to this admirable mission to explain is dressage, where Michael Tucker and Lorna Clarke appear to have given up all attempts to explain what is going on.

Des Lynam, however, is on to them. "Concentrate now," he said at the beginning of a highlights segment which concluded with Tucker at last expressing a sentiment that we could all understand: "Britain will be going all out for gold."

"Oh, good," said Des.

Hall and Knowles make progress

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DARREN HALL, the only Briton with an outside hope of a badminton singles medal, suggested he may be ready for one of the last significant challenges of a long career when he outplayed Ron Michels, of Holland, in his opening match.

Hall, 30, conceded only eight points as he earned himself a second-round match with Lee Kwang Jin, the No 5 seed, from South Korea, a hurdle that can be considered difficult but not impossible.

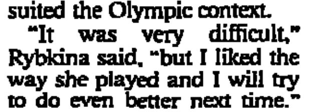
"I am very pleased. I was a bit nervous to start with, though I'm glad to have got a good match under my belt," the former European champion, from Essex, said.

He was joined in the second round by Peter Knowles, the British No 2, but the Kent player struggled to overcome the China-born champion, Kevin Han, representing the United States, 2-15, 15-10, 15-7.

Knowles had to push hard in the second game to avoid danger, although he now has a better chance than Hall of further progress. His next opponent, Jens Olsson, the Swedan No 1, had to struggle to survive against the little-known Kenneth Erichsen, from Guatemala.

Erichsen, who based himself at Wimbledon for six months and lived with the former English national champion, Anders Nielsen, looked to have improved notably and led 8-6 in the final game before going down 12-15, 15-6, 17-15.

Britain's No 1 woman, Joanne Muggeridge, missed two game points at 10-8 in the second game of her first-round match against the leading Russian, Elena Rybkina, and lost 11-6, 12-10. Rybkina, 32, the only mother playing top-class badminton, established her credentials in February with two wins in Prague that took her country into the world team finals. She has always struggled through lack of funds but yesterday showed



that her spirit in adversity suited the Olympic context.

"It was very difficult," Rybkina said, "but I liked the way she played and I will try to do even better next time." That next time will be against the Japanese No 1, Hisako Mizui.

There was an encouraging success in the women's singles for the first non-English Briton to get to the Olympics. Kelly Morgan, of Wales, was too steady for a nervous-looking Yang Shong, the Commonwealth bronze medal-winner, from Australia, and was only briefly delayed in the second game before winning 11-1, 11-5.

The best hopes of a first British Olympic medal in badminton lie with the efforts of Julie Bradbury, Joanne Wright, Simon Archer and Chris Hunt in the doubles events, which start today.

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Organisers confronted by burning problem

AS THE athletics events open in the Olympic stadium today, the Atlanta Games organisers are faced with another headache. It concerns the flame, brought from Greece at great expense and supposed to burn brightly for the duration of the competition.

As if the transport chaos and computer difficulties have not presented the organising committee with enough problems, it transpires that, since being lit, memorably, by Muhammad Ali last Friday night, the outside of the bowl in which the flame is housed has begun to burn and the paint has peeled away. Poor quality flame resistant has been used on the coating of the bowl, designed By Siah Amarjani, an Iranian-born American.

Women waiting

Weightlifting: Female weightlifters could be admitted to the next Olympics if the sport's governing body gets its way. "Women's weightlifting has progressed dynamically in the last few years," Tamas Ajan, secretary general of the International Weightlifting Federation, said. "I think we have a good chance [of competing in Sydney] because the International Olympic Committee is trying to get the proportion of female athletes over 30 per cent," he said.

Dream goes on

Basketball: The United States "Dream Team" reached the quarter-finals of the basketball with a 104-82 victory over Lithuania, but it was the narrowest margin of victory ever recorded by the National Basketball Association (NBA) all-stars at the Olympics. At Barcelona, in 1992, they won by an average of 43.8 points a game. The average in Atlanta has been 27 points.

Battling Barrett

Boxing: Francis Barrett, a gypsy from Ireland, recorded the most comprehensive victory in the boxing so far when he out-pointed Zely Ferreria, a light-welterweight from Brazil, 32-7 on Wednesday night. "The thing with computer scores is that you don't know whether you are ahead or behind," Barrett, 19, said, "so I just kept going."

MARC ASPLAND

Jordan Jovtchev, from Bulgaria, strains for every ounce of leverage on his vault in the gymnastics individual competition yesterday. David Miller reports, page 41

Golden oldies out for one more spin

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTA

AS THE athletics begins today, the Olympic motto appears somewhat dated. "Swifter, higher, stronger," it says. Swifter, higher, stronger, older might be more appropriate as the thirty-somethings, even the forty-somethings, seek to stretch the boundaries of age.

Athletes who have been close to our hearts for a decade or more — Linford Christie, Mary Slaney, Merlene Ottey, Carl Lewis, Johnny Gray — are in contention for a place on the podium, perhaps the top step. There are others, too: Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Tessa Sanderson, Mike Conley, Sergey Bubka, Sandra Farmer-Patrick.

Ironically, as a home for track and field, the venue will die young. The Olympic stadium, which seats 83,000 and cost $230 million (£150 million) to build, is to be turned into a baseball stadium. Only four meetings will have been held there: a grand prix, the United States Olympic trials, the Olympics and the Paralympics. The world's fastest track is going to disappear fast, but not, one hopes, before it has seen a few world records.

Michael Johnson has already set a 200 metres world record on it, his 19.66sec lighting up the United States trials last month, and there could be several more before the nine days of action is are over. The men's sprints will be the main target area, with the 100, 200, 400, 110 metres hurdles and two relays all vulnerable.

However, the sprinter's gain is the distance runner's loss. As Slaney said: "It is more a sprint track than a middle-distance track. It may take away something from the finals of the middle-distance events."

It is the hardest track that the manufacturer, Mondo, has made, with a shock absorption rating of 35.6 per cent, just inside the minimum 35 per cent. Michael DiNatale, Mondo's national sales manager, suspects it may cause leg cramps on athletes not used to it, because softer tracks tend not to generate such energy back to the muscles.

John Smith, who coached Kevin Young and Quincy Watts to Olympic gold medals in 1992, said: "It is probably because the body is asked to do some different things. The technology of the track is probably ahead of what we are used to."

A further indicator of life in the track is that sprinters are not using as many strides. In the women's 100 metres at the American trials, Gwen Torrence, the world champion, took one strider fewer (49½) than in her winning race at the 1995 national championships. Gail Devers, the Olympic 100 metres champion, took one fewer (48½) than she does normally.

The first day brings the first two rounds of the men's and women's 100 metres. While Torrence tries for an Olympic gold in her home town, with Devers, a fellow American, her most likely challenger, the United States does not possess its usual strength in the men's 100 metres. It would take the formbook to be overturned to deny Frankie Fredericks victory for Namibia and, of those capable of succeeding, Ato Boldon, from Trinidad, seems the most likely.

Fredericks was denied the boyhood Olympic dream because his homeland was part of South Africa at a time when it was ostracised from international sport. More Lewis than Christie in manner, Fredericks was disappointed that the television cameras at the opening ceremony did not pick up the Namibia flag and is determined to see it fly at the medal ceremonies for the 100 and 200 metres. "All we saw was the big countries," he said. "The Olympics should be about the small countries as well. I want to get people to look at their atlas and see where Namibia is. That is what I try to do with my running."

If form holds, and Fredericks wins the 100 metres tomorrow, followed by a Michael Johnson victory in the 400 metres on Monday, their inevitable meeting in the 200 metres final on Thursday will offer 20 seconds of rare anticipation.

Fredericks: favourite

The state of Georgia has stopped all executions during the Olympics, so the worst punishment in town is running a marathon. Indeed, when the American 10,000 metres trial was held here, one runner, Reuben Reina, described it as "a death march".

The heat, humidity and undulating course are such that caution has been urged and the message heeded by Uta Pippig, the women's race favourite. "It will be a tactical race," she said.

While the distance runners sweat pounds to gain six ounces (the weight of a medal), Britain may be labouring under a false illusion: some talk of the athletes rescuing Great Britain from obscurity in the medals table, but the dispassionate view is that they will do well to avoid Britain's worst haul since the solitary bronze of 1976.

Jonathan Edwards, who competes in the triple jump qualifying round today, and the men's 4 x 400 metres team appear to be Britain's only bankers, though there are five probables: Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett (110 metres hurdles), Roger Black (400 metres), Liz McColgan (marathon) and Christie. Others with chances are Steve Backley (javelin), Ashia Hansen (triple jump), Kelly Holmes (800 and 1,500 metres), Denise Lewis (heptathlon) and Sally Gunnell (400 metres hurdles).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *38*

PRICKET

(a) A buck in its second year, having straight unbranched horns. A *pricket's sister* is a female fallow deer in its second year. Apparently from the medieval Anglo-Latin *prickettus*, the English *prike* with the Latin suffix *-ettus*. "At the second year the pricket puts forth a simple dag."

FIVE-EIGHTHS

(b) A term in New Zealand and Australian rugby union and rugby league for the players stationed between the scrum half and the outside centre. The first five-eighth is the stand-off half, and the tactical leader of the cavalry, except when playing for England, he just kicks. "I place no value at all on the fact that they indulged in five-eighths, and multiplied the number of potential attackers immediately in the rear of the scrummage."

PARR

(a) A young salmon before it becomes a smolt; distinguished by the parallel transverse bars on its side. Of Scottish origin, derivation unknown. Smollett, *Ode to Leven-Water*, 1771: "The scaly brood/ In myriads cleave thy crystal flood;/ The salmon, monarch of the tide,/ The ruthless pike, intent on war;/ The silver eel and mottled parr."

BULLY OFF

(c) An obsolescent term in hockey: the procedure of putting the ball in play by two players, one from each side, who strike with their sticks, first the ground then their opponent's stick, three times, after which the ball is in play. From the word for the scrimmage in Eton football or the Field Game. "West's centre forward put the ball into the net almost before South had moved from the bully."

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OLYMPIC STATISTICS

MEN

100 metres

RECORDS: World: 9.85sec (L Burrell, US) 1994. European: 9.87 (L Christie, GB) 1993. British: 9.87 (Christie) Olympic: 9.92 (C Lewis, US) 1988

1996 BEST: 9.86 F Fredericks (Nam), 9.92 A Boldon (Trin); 9.92 D Mitchell (US): 9.93 D Bailey (Can), 9.95 M Marsh (US), 9.98 J Drummond (US). British: 10.04 Christie: 10.13 D Braithwaite; 10.24 I Mackie.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: H Abrahams (1924), A Wells (1980), L Christie (1992).

400 metres

RECORDS: World: 43.29sec (B Reynolds, US) 1988. European: 44.33 (T Schönlebe, EG) 1987. British: 44.39 (R Black) 1996 Olympic: 43.50 (Q Watts, US) 1992.

1996 BEST: 43.44 M Johnson (US); 43.91 B Reynolds (US); 44.09 A Harrison (US); 44.20 C Gitonga (Ken); 44.37 Black. Other British: 44.66 I Thomas; 44.66 D Ladejo

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: W Halswelle (1908), E Liddell (1924)

10,000 metres

RECORDS: World: 26min 43.53sec (H Gebresilassie, Eth) 1995 European: 27:13.81 (F Mamede, Por) 1984. British: 27:23.06 (E Martin) 1988 Olympic: 27:21.46 (B Boutayeb, Mor) 1988.

1996 BEST: 27:40.89 L Zeroual (Mor): 27:42.17 R Johnston (NZ); 27:42.57 A Bahar (Fr); 27:43.10 S Creighton (Aus) British: 28:21.40 J Brown, 28:28.31 P Evans.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver: M McLeod (1984).

High jump

RECORDS: World: 2.45m (J Sotomayor, Cuba) 1993 European: 2.43m (P Sjoberg, Swe) 1987. British: 2.37m (S Smith) 1992. Olympic: 2.38m (G Avdeyenko, USSR) 1988.

1996 BEST: 2.37 C Austin (US): 2.36 A Partyka (Pol); 2.35 D Topic (Yug): 2.34 K Matusevich (Isr): 2.33 Sotomayor. British: 2.31 Smith, 2.31 D Grant.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: C Leahy (1906).

Triple jump

RECORDS: World: 18.29m (J Edwards, GB) 1995. European: 18.29m (Edwards). British: 18.29m (Edwards) Olympic: 18.17m wind assisted (M Conley, US) 1992.

1996 BEST: 17.82 Edwards: 17.75 Y Quesada (Cuba); 17.70 E Urrutia (Cuba): 17.57 Conley; 17.36 J Garcia (Cuba); 17.31 M Bruziks (Lat), 17.30 S Kochkin (Russ). Other British: 17.18 F Agyepong.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: T Ahearne (1908).

Shot

RECORDS: World: 23.12m (R Barnes, US) 1990. European: 23.06m (U Timmermann, E Ger) 1988. British: 21.68m (G Capes) 1980 Olympic: 22.47m (Timmermann)

1996 BEST: 22.40 Barnes; 21.26 D Peric (Yug); 21.25 J Godina (US); 21.23 R Virastyuk (Ukr): 21.17 C J Hunter (US): 20.98 P dal Soglio (It), 20.81 A Bagach (Ukr) British: 19.62 S Pickering.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver: D Horgan (1908).

20km walk

RECORDS: World: 1hr 18min 4sec (B Lingtang, China) 1994. European: 1.18:13 (P Blazek, Cz) 1990. British: 1:22:03 (I McCombie) 1988. Olympic: 1:19:57 (J Pribilinec, Cz) 1988.

1996 BEST: 1:18:18 Y Misyula (Belo); 1.18.36 M Shchennikov (Russ); 1:18:41 I Kollar (Slovakia); 1.18.48 I Markov (Russ): 1.18.50 D Garcia (Mex)

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: K Matthews (1964)

WOMEN

100 metres

RECORDS: World: 10.49sec (F Griffith-Joyner, US) 1988 European: 10.77 (I Privalova, Russ) 1994 British: 11.10 (K Cook) 1981 Olympic: 10.54 wind assisted (Griffith-Joyner) 1988

1996 BEST: 10.82 G Torrence (US), 10.91 G Devers (US), 10.92 M Ottey (Jam), 10.92 D Hill (US), 11.02 G Malchugina (Russ), 11.06 M Paschke (Ger), 11.06 M Onyali (Nigeria); 11.06 M Trandenkova (Russ). British: 11.44 M Richardson, 11.47 S Jacobs, 11.52 S Douglas.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Silver: D Manley (1948), D Hyman (1960)

400 metres

RECORDS: World: 47.60sec (M Koch, E Ger) 1985 European: 47.60 (Koch). British: 49.43 (K Cook) 1984. Olympic: 48.65 (O Bryzgina, USSR) 1988

1996 BEST: 49.45 M-J Perec (Fr): 49.59 C Freeman (Aus); 49.60 F Ogunkoya (Nigeria): 49.83 P Davis (Bah): 49.96 J Miles (US): 50.11 J Campbell (Jam). British: 51.74 P Smith; 52.05 D Fraser

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Silver: A Packer (1964), L Board (1968).

800 metres

RECORDS: World: 1min 53.28sec (J Kratochvilova, Cz) 1983. European: 1:53.28 (Kratochvilova). British: 1:56.21 (K Holmes) 1995 Olympic: 1:53.43 (N Olizarenko, USSR) 1980

1996 BEST: 1:57.04 M Rainey (US): 1:57.24 N Dukhnova (Belo): 1:57.38 A Quirot (Cuba): 1:57.84 K Holmes (GB), 1:57.87 S Masterkova (Russ): 1.58.07 P Djate (Fr): 1:58.16 M Mutola (Moz). Other British: 1:59.87 D Modahl

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: A Packer (1964)

5,000 metres

RECORDS: World: 14min 36.45sec (F Ribeiro, Por) 1995. European: 14:36.45 (Ribeiro). British: 14:48.07 (Z Budd) 1985 Olympic: not previously held

1996 BEST: 14:41.07 Ribeiro; 14:41.12 G Szabo (Rom); 14.44.95 J Vaquero (Sp). 14:47.81 S Barsosio (Ken): 14:48.36 S O'Sullivan (Ire): 14:50.88 D Tulu (Eth). 14:51.87 W Junxia (China); 14:51.71 P Radcliffe (GB) Other British: 15:29.04 S McGeorge, 15:48.91 A Wyeth.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE (3km): Silver: W Sly (1984)

Javelin

RECORDS: World: 80.00m (P Felke, E Ger) 1988. European: 80.00m (Felke). British: 77.44m (F Whitbread) 1986. Olympic: 74.68m (Felke) 1988.

1996 BEST: 69.28 F Tilea (Rom); 68.72 O Ovchinnikova (Russ); 67.08 T Hattestad (Nor): 68.78 K Forkel (Ger), 66.70 S Nerius (Ger). British: 64.06 T Sanderson, 60.12 S Holroyd.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: Sanderson (1984)

☐ *Compiled by Stan Greenberg*

RADIO CHOICE

Courting the legal eagle

Law in Action. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

I expect that tonight's edition of Marcel Berlins's legal affairs magazine will make reference, specific rather than passing, to the American television courtroom drama *Murder One*. The serial has itself been in the dock recently. This was because the BBC decided to delay showing the serial's final episodes until three weeks after the Olympics. Fans were outraged and the decision was amended. In the last of the present series of *Law In Action*, Berlins will examine the runaway success of courtroom dramas, actual and fictional, on television and the stage. If fictional, is verisimilitude enough? Will the jury still be out at 9.15 tonight?

One for the Pot. *Radio 4 (FM), 12.25pm.*

Being both expert cook and wildlife buff, Lionel Kelleway is a made-to-measure choice to present this series. A golden eagle called James swoops on a fleeing hare on the Scottish grouse moors. The victim is skinned and prepared by Kelleway, turned into jugged hare in a farmyard kitchen and eaten by Kelleway and friends to a chorus of "ummms" and "ahhhs". Gastronomic affairs taken care of, the question of ethics crops up; whether to condone the bloodsport or condemn it. A consensus is duly arrived at and, the Scotch whisky and red wine that is used in cooking the hare having brought an interior glow to the non-animals, glasses are raised in a toast to both predator and prey.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Boating Paddock in Cleethorpes **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Radio 1 Ibiza Weekend. Pete Tong broadcasts live from the Balearic isle **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show Live to the UK Jam **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Are You Sitting Comfortably, with Don Maclean **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Every Living Thing. Christopher Timothy reads from James Herriot's book **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** The People's Palace **12.05am** Adrian Pringhan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Olympic Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Inverdale's Olympics. The morning's news from Atlanta incl athletics, eventing, swimming, cycling, hockey and rowing. Plus cricket from Lord's **6.00** Nationwide **7.00** Olympic News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports and Olympic Roundup **7.45** Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian Payne **10.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **11.05am** Inverdale's Olympics, incl swimming, Great Britain v Australia and athletics **3.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** Insider's Guide **7.00** News **7.05** *Olympics* **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** News **8.15** *Off the Shelf* **8.30** Pick of the World **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Poems **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Faith **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Proms '96 **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** For and Against **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** New Europe **11.45** Sport **12.00** *Newsdesk* **12.10** *Spotlight* **12.15** *Insider's Guide* **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.05** Olympics **4.30** Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margaret Howard **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte **(FM) / (AM)** Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Trad (Corsican chant: Laeta devote); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D); Moeran (Serenade in G); Chopin (Etudes, Op 10 Nos 10-12); Hindemith (Cello Concerto)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Fauré/Messager (Souvenir de Bayreuth); Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Brahms (Feldeinsamkeit, Op 86 No 2; Auf dem See, Op 59 No 2); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E, Op 109)

10.00 Musical Encounters. *Proms Artist of the Week*: Andras Schiff, piano. Bach (Concerto in F, BWV 1057) **10.15** Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Franck (Chorale No 3 in A minor) **11.00** Sibelius (The Wood Nymph); Mozart (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K452)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill

1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert. Another chance to hear the popular Bartok Plus series of concerts featuring the work of Hungarian composers. Introduced by Chris de Souza. Artur Pizarro, piano. Bartok (Piano Sonata); Kodaly (Dances of the Marosszek); Liszt (Piano Sonata in B minor) (r)

2.00 The New Europe: City of London Sinfonia Soloists. Mozart (Divertimento in F, K253); Bergman (Mana); Berwald (Septet in B flat) (6/6)

3.00 Mining the Archive. Sandy Burnett explores the life of the chorister, conductor, harpsichordist and teacher George Malcolm. With contributions from Stephen Cleobury, Ian Partridge and Andras Schiff. With music by Britten, Purcell, Haydn, Bach and Malcolm himself

5.00 The Music Machine, with Sarah Walker

5.15 In Tune. Rossini, transcr Liszt (La Danza); Arnold (English Dances); Schubert (String Quartet in C minor, D703, Quartettsatz)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. *Live from the Albert Hall in London.* The London Symphony Orchestra, under Mstislav Rostropovich. Lutoslowski (Novelette); Britten (Four Sea Interludes; Passacaglia, Peter Grimes) **8.15** A Hidden Agenda, with Gerard McBurney (r) **8.35** Proms Part 2. Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)

9.35 My Tocher's the Jewel. Kirsteen McCue listens to settings of Robert Burns's work by more recent artists and composers (5/5)

10.15 Hear and Now. Sarah Walker introduces a summer special with a performance recorded at last month's Aldeburgh Festival followed by a piece from last week's Cheltenham Festival. London Sinfonietta, under Markus Stenz. Lindberg (Arena II; Engine). Stephen Montague, sound diffusion, Singcircle, under Gregory Rose. Stockhausen (Stimmung)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn (r)

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Leopold I **4.00** Bach, Schubert and Beethoven **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Better Left Unsaid (r) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Eve Arnold (r)

9.45 Feedback

10.00 News; 1956 and All That (FM only). To mark the 40th anniversary of the Suez Crisis, the events are recalled through archive recordings, the music of the time and the memories of those who lived through it

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 On This Day (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

10.50 Test Match Special: England v Pakistan (LW *only), from Lord's*

11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM only)

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)

12.25pm One for the Pot (FM only). See Choice

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) **1.55** Shipping

1.40 Test Match Special (LW only)

2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles: Dr Thorne (FM only). The third in a dramatised series of of Anthony Trollope's books. With John Wood and Leo McKern (r)

2.00 Test Match Special (LW only)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM only).

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only)

4.45 Short Story: The Perfect Loaf (FM only), by Angus *Dunn (r)*

5.00 PM (FM only) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

5.55 Test Match Special (LW only)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only).

6.30 Growing Spaces (FM only), with Edi Stark

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle

8.05 In the Dock. Six programmes in which Sue Cameron cross-examines some of Britain's key institutions and professions to see how well they serve us. This week — Teachers

8.50 Law in Action. See Choice

9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Liza. *Paul Gambaccini talks to Liza* Minnelli about her career and her choice of music (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse (10/10)

11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. The last in the series of Britain's first Asian sketch show. With Meera Syal, Kulvinder Ghir, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawhney and Nina Wadia

11.25 Fourth Column

11.45 How Do I Sound? Nan Woodhouse reflects on British prejudice about the way we speak (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret World of the Irish Male, by Joe O'Connor (5/5) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

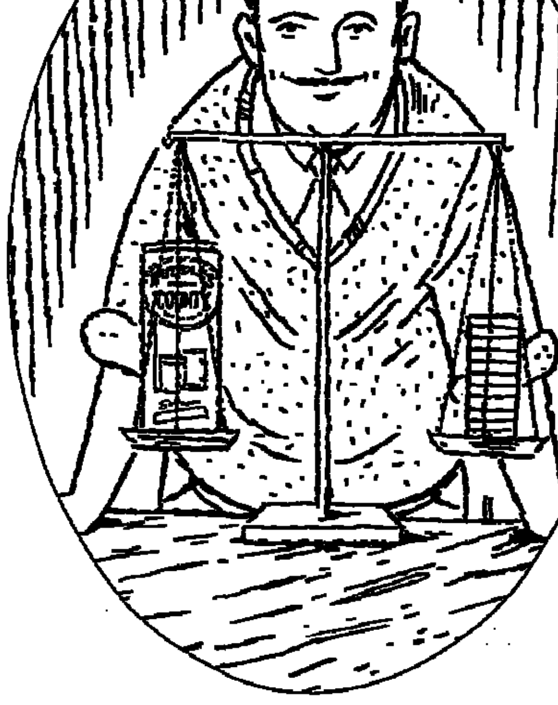
Ruddles County Riddles.
No. 9. Worth its Weight in Gold

Ever since Ruddles perfected packaging Ruddles County in a can to such an extent that it tastes as marvellous from a can as it does from any bar run by a skilled Landlord, James Fuggle claimed that a can of County was worth its weight in gold.

One day a visiting friend from South Africa decided to put it, and James, to the test. He invested in a reliable pair of scales and put 3 special sample cans of Ruddles County on one side and one identical can of County + 1/2 an lb of Krugerrands on the other side. Then he challenged James to tell him how much a single can must weigh. James guessed right (or was it the appliance of science?) and they enjoyed 2 cans each in celebration of James' skill (or was it just luck?)

Can you work out what one of these cans must have weighed?

A: 1/4lb. If you took 1 can from each side 1/2 lb of Krugerrands = 2 cans of County. Therefore 1 can = 1/4 lb.



Conclusive proof or another ripping yarn?

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Technically, I suppose, it must be possible to make a bad documentary about Jack the Ripper, but, hard as I try, I don't think I can remember one. Every couple of years or so I sit in front of the television as the latest theory is advanced and every couple of years I find myself mouthing the same sequence of words: "Yes. Really? Who? Well, I never." Then I don't give it another thought . . . until next time.

So by next week I shall have probably forgotten that Jack the Ripper was in fact . . . Francis Tumblety, an Irish American quack doctor with a notorious hatred of women — particularly the fallen variety. It was at about this point in last night's **Secret History: The Whitechapel Murders** (Channel 4) that I found myself mouthing: "Really?"

I'd already done the "yes" bit. For a programme that promised "to cut through the fiction to the forensic facts", it took its time. We had a review of the appalling social conditions in the East End of the 1880s, we had a discussion about the power of the newly burgeoning press and, of course, we had the standard recreations down foggy, dark alleys. Yes, yes, I shouted — get on with it. They did.

Quickly and efficiently, David Jessel outlined the latest lot of evidence for a post-dated prosecution. The murders began when Tumblety arrived in London and stopped when he departed. An East End landlady found a blood-soaked shirt in a room she had recently let to an American gentleman. His hatred of women was such that his most prized possession back home — and I'm afraid this is where it gets nasty — was a collection of bottled wombs. Most of the Ripper's victims, you may recall, had their uterus removed.

There was other stuff as well, which in the best traditions of a case that has now lasted 108 years, quickly proved too complicated to remember. There was a suitcase with "obscene material" in it, there were arrests for gross indecency. It all seemed pretty damning, conclusive stuff. But it always does.

So why hadn't anyone done anything about this Tumblety before? Well, it turned out they had — in spades. What sparked the programme — and the book that it was clearly drawn from — was the discovery of an apparently authentic letter written by a J.G. Littlechild of Scotland Yard. Writing some 25 years after the murders, Littlechild alleged that Tumblety had been the chief suspect. So why no fuss in the burgeoning press that we had heard so much about?

Why indeed? The letter was acquired by Stewart Evans, a full-time Suffolk police constable and part-time Ripper expert. Together with a colleague he discovered that, unlike their British counterparts, the American newspapers had been full of stories linking Tumblety to the Whitechapel murders — he had the cuttings to prove it. As Evans put it: "He was there on every page." Why had the British press not picked up these reports? Why did Scotland Yard not pursue the inquiries it initiated in America? I'm afraid I haven't a clue and nor, it seems, has anybody else. The Scotland Yard file on Tumblety is . . . missing. Well, I never. Next.

My own investigation into Ian Pattison has so far unearthed just two facts. First that the writer/adapter of *Rab C. Nesbitt*, *Para Handy*, *Bad Boys* and now **Atletico Partick** (BBC1) is definitely the man that Scottish actors most want to meet. And second, that his own comedies normally take a bit of getting used to. If you're still muttering "disgusting" by episode three . . . well, there's always *Para Handy*.

Atletico Partick, which we first saw last summer as a pilot show, looks as if it might take a lot of getting used to. For the opening ten minutes it positively creaked along — wooden acting, rusty dialogue and decrepit jokes. Some of them were also pretty disgusting, but then it was late at night — I think we could cope.

But slowly this opening episode did enough to show that all is not yet lost. In particular, there was an engaging surrealism about some of the sits that this com confronted. Last night, for instance, 'Grew, the goalkeeper for the Scottish Sunday League football team of the title, was having trouble coming to terms with the fact his wife had become a witch: "She said she wanted to do something positive with her life . . . so she's taken up evil."

As a result, while Sean, the midfield dynamo, had to "grout the lavvy" to get a pass for a Tuesday night out, 'Grew had to "sacrifice a sheep on the altar of Satan". Well, it made *me* laugh, as did "get your mother stripped, she's playing up front".

As well as raising a titter, those two were among the very few jokes that would make it to the pages of a family newspaper. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but whether running the series back to back with *Men Behaving Badly* is a smart move remains to be seen. One way or another, it is not an hour for the faint-hearted.

Finally, let us consider **The Street** (BBC2), presented by Kirsty Young wearing her concerned expression. It is like a *Down Your Way* for the 1990s, where instead of being asked to choose a favourite piece of music, the residents of a chosen thoroughfare (last night's was in County Durham) are invited to share their problems, seek counselling, get free advice . . . the full, nanny-state disaster. The show is obviously well-intentioned (all do-gooders are) but this opening episode came over as glib, patronising and far too like a low-budget *Challenge Anneka* for its own good. I hope they're not coming down *my* street.

- *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

6.00am Business Breakfast (98404)

7.00 Olympic Breakfast. Featuring the overnight action from Atlanta including the women's 800m freestyle swimming final, the men's 50m freestyle and highlights of Britain v Malaysia hockey (s). Includes **7.15, 7.45, 7.45** News (29775)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (4791133)

9.05 Olympic Grandstand. Extended highlights of the last night's action, including swimming, hockey, gymnastics, boxing, tennis, badminton and basketball (Ceefax) (s). Includes **11.00, 12.00** News and weather (49196404)

12.35pm Neighbours. Annalise pays a high price for her relationship with Stonie (Ceefax) (s) (9574959)

1.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (22862)

1.30 Regional News (12192959)

1.40 Olympic Grandstand. The first of the day's live reports featuring round one of the women's 400m and the qualifying rounds of the men's high jump. Plus at **4.00** Linford Christie begins his defence of his 100m title. Also in this report three-day eventing, swimming, rowing, tennis and cycling. Plus coverage of the Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's (s) (94301775)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (145268)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (355)

6.30 Regional news magazines (607)

7.00 Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam reviews the day's action from Atlanta, including the opening day of the athletics competition. Featuring Linford Christie in the first rounds of the 100m. Plus action from the three-day eventing, cycling and judo competitions (Ceefax) (s) (50317)

8.30 CHOICE **EastEnders.** Both Alan and Ian suffer at the hands of their respective parents (Ceefax) (s) (8336)

9.00 News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (9046)

9.30 Chicago Hope. After he undergoes an extraordinary operation to remove a steel rod protruding from his head, the personality of Dalton Robertson is changed beyond recognition (Ceefax) (s) (915249)

10.15 Olympic Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the track and field events. Including **10.30** Women's 800m featuring Kelly Holmes **11.05** Women's 100m second round **11.10** Men's triple jump qualifying rounds featuring world champion and world record holder Jonathan Edwards **11.35** Men's 100m second round **12.00** Men's 400m first round featuring Roger Black and Du'aine Ladejo. The last of the swimming finals are contested tonight at **12.45 and 1.12** with Britain's hopes riding on the backs of Paul Palmer and Graeme Smith in the 1500m freestyle. Plus boxing, weightlifting and yachting action (s) (64310997)

4.25 FILM: Cardboard Cavalier (1949, b/w) with Sid Field, Margaret Lockwood, Irene Handl and Jack McNaughton. Historical farce set in Cromwellian England, about a hapless fruit-and-veg man, who is unwittingly caught up in a Royalist plot to overthrow Cromwell. Directed by Walter Forde (71998398) Ends at **6.00**

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6.10am Open University: Designs for Living (6661607) **6.35 El Escorial** (8185046) **7.00 Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (53222238)

9.05 Spiderman (r) (s) (3209423) **9.25 Bouncing Back: the Best Bits of Johnny Ball** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6309336) **9.55 Poddington Peas** (r) (6288510) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (6272959) **10.25 The Addams Family** (5198249)

10.50 Cricket — First Test. Coverage of the second day of the first Test (s) (71628065)

1.00pm Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (76982539) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (72704881) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76961046)

1.40 Cricket — First Test and Racing from Ascot. Coverage from Lord's plus racing, the **2.15, 2.45, 3.15** and **3.50** races. Including at **3.00** News and weather (s) (86477978)

4.05 News and Weather (Ceefax) (7168881) **4.10 To Me . . . to You** (Ceefax) (s) (5574978) **4.35 Pirates** (Ceefax) (r) (5955133) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8446775) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7805930)

5.35 Cricket — First Test and Olympic Grandstand. Further live coverage of the second day's play at Lord's plus news from Atlanta (s) (5686959)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (1423)

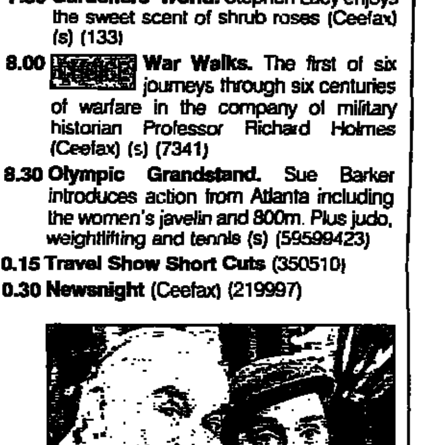
7.30 Gardeners' World. Stephen Lacy enjoys the sweet scent of shrub roses (Ceefax) (s) (133)

8.00 CHOICE **War Walks.** The first of six journeys through six centuries of warfare in the company of military historian Professor Richard Holmes (Ceefax) (s) (7341)

8.30 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker introduces action from Atlanta including the women's javelin and 800m. Plus judo, weightlifting and tennis (s) (59599423)

10.15 Travel Show Short Cuts (350510)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (219997)



Barker and Jason (11.15pm)

11.15 Pilot Paradise. A special double feature from the pen of the inimitable Roy Clarke. *Open All Hours* was first shown in 1973. Ronnie Barker plays the irascible shopkeeper, Arkwright, forever watching the till, bullying his nephew (David Jason) or chasing Nurse Gladys Emmanuel (Linda Barron). *Last of the Summer Wine* also made its first appearance in 1973 and still appears to be going strong. (825862)

12.20am Cricket — First Test. Highlights from Lord's (s) (7387640)

1.00-2.00 Olympic Grandstand. Live hockey from Atlanta where Britain's women take on the world champions, Australia (s) (500602)

5.35 Open University: Bridges — Spanning Materials (2963621)

CHOICE

War Walks: Agincourt

BBC2, 8.00pm (not Northern Ireland)

The military historian Richard Holmes puts on a suit of armour, brushes up on the awesome power of the English longbow and recreates Henry V's victory over the French in 1415. *War Walks* features six celebrated battles and Holmes's task should get easier when he reaches the present century. In describing Agincourt he has no film to draw upon, indeed no visual material of any sort apart from paintings. For the look of the battle he relies on Kenneth Branagh's muddy Shakespearean epic, questionable as a source though closer to reality than the heroic Olivier version. In Holmes's account Agincourt was far from glorious. On the way thousands of soldiers died from dysentery, drunkenness threatened discipline and the battle itself was a slow pedestrian plod rather than a triumphant advance. The butchery of French prisoners was a shameful aftermath.

Garden Party

Channel 4, 8.30pm

It seemed a good enough idea, getting amateur gardeners to question the experts in a notable horticultural setting, but this particular party failed to go with a swing. The radio's evergreen *Gardeners' Question Time*, which has used the same basic element since 1947, was not eclipsed. But now that *Garden Party* is well into the run, familiarity has started to overcome the initial doubts. The programme still lacks the fluency and polish of the best television gardening series but judged on content rather than presentation it has its value. Today Tom Barber and the team are at Chenies Manor in the Chilterns, where the gardens retain much of the late Elizabethan layout. For the present owners, the challenge has been to develop a garden which gives interest throughout the year.

EastEnders

BBC1, 8.30pm

This screening of the indestructable soap is notable not for any special dramatic content, although plenty of incident can be guaranteed, but because it will the fourth episode in a week. The reason is the Olympic Games. An extra helping of *EastEnders* is a preemptive strike against complaints of too much sport. Which seems a bit rough on viewers who have no interest in either the Olympics or the shouting matches in Albert Square, though there are channels who carry neither. An additional episode of *EastEnders* will be shown next Friday but that, the BBC assures us, will be that. Any suggestion of a dry run in anticipation of the four-times-a-week *Coronation Street* planned for November is firmly rejected. But the viewing figures which soaps command may one day make the temptation irresistible.

The White Room

Channel 4, 11.35pm

The rock music show returns for a third series, having established a deserved reputation for quality, variety and unpretentious presentation. As before there are at least five acts each week, performing in front of a studio audience. They have been chosen to represent the range of musical styles and not necessarily because they have a new album to promote. Unusual collaborations, such as, in previous series, between Marc Almond and Gene or Lou Reed and Dave Stewart, will again feature. Mark Radcliffe, a disc jockey who combines enthusiasm, knowledge and unflappability, returns as presenter. Among those appearing on the first show are the British rap artist Mark Morrison and the singers Beck and Neneh Cherry. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (1033713)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (6305510)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (7871404)

10.20 News headlines (9257046)

10.25 HTV News (Teletext) (9256317)

10.30 A Woman Named Jackie (86865775)

12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (2089607)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9593084)

12.55 Sixth Sense (Teletext) (s) (9578775) **1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle** (Teletext) (s) (5721881) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (61461220) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (s) (7678249) **3.20 News** (9099268) **3.25 HTV News** (9098539)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (3263336) **3.40 The Treacle People** (1928862) **3.50 Zzzap!** (6484065) **4.10 Cartoon Time** (5570152) **4.30 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (5969336) **4.50 Art Attack** (7211688)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7359539)

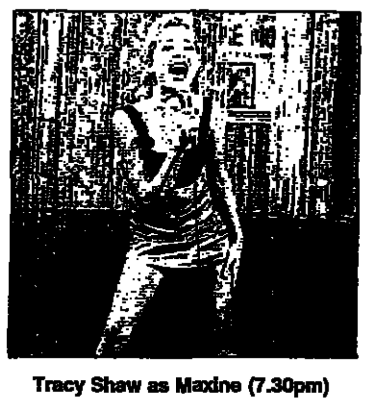
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (654591)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (134713)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (228626)

6.50 Let's Go (608133)

7.00 Lucky Numbers. Game show (5249)



Tracy Shaw as Maxine (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. It is the day of Alex's talent contest and Maxine (Tracy Shaw) wows the audience. (Teletext) (959)

8.00 The Bill. Daly is determined to get to the truth when a white teenager takes the blame for his black friends' misbehaviour (Teletext) (4997)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action. Alastair Stewart introduces another selection of clips featuring dangerous driving from around the world (r) (Teletext) (s) (3404)

9.00 Savannah. Veronica moves in with Edward (Teletext) (s) (5713)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (15997)

10.30 HTV West Headlines (494201)

10.40 FILM: Three Days of the Condor (1975) with Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway and Cliff Robertson. An unassuming library clerk working for the CIA uncovers a covert intelligence operation and tries to turn the tables on those who want him dead. Directed by Sydney Pollack (65349510)

12.45am Stand Up (7557805)

1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s) (7567282)

2.20 FILM: Nightmare at Bitter Creek (1987) with Lindsay Wagner, Tom Skerritt and Constance McCashin. A deadly game of cat and mouse is played out in the Sierra mountains when three backpackers come across a group of neo-Nazi's. Directed by Tim Burstall (459350)

4.05 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (2039114)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (80447)

5.30 Morning News (26076)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (376688)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1013336)

11.25 Side Effects (4907274)

12.55pm Coronation Street (9578775)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61321336)

1.55 Home and Away (92615404)

2.25 High Road (61471607)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (7142713)

5.10 Home and Away (7359539)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (10930)

10.30 Westcountry News (418881)

10.45 Film: Prince of Darkness (798978)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1013336)

11.25 Side Effects (4907274)

12.55pm Home and Away (9578775)

1.25 Cross Wits (61321336)

1.55 A Country Practice (78233133)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7287688)

5.10 Shortland Street (7359539)

6.25-7.00 Central News (376688)

10.40 Film: Miami Blues (76655794)

12.25am Profile (1068621)

12.45 Comedy Central (786027)

1.45 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (775911)

2.45 cyber.cafe (9151553)

3.10 Dear Nick (3166718)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

9.50-10.20 Sandokan (7871404)

10.30 Worzel Gummidge (90688)

11.00 Dogtanian (3632510)

11.25 James and the Giant Peach (3642997)

11.55 Dungeons and Dragons (2420336)

12.55pm Coronation Street (9578775)

1.25 Home and Away (61321336)

1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (78233133)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7679978)

5.10 Home and Away (7359539)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (10930)

10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show (355572)

11.15 Behind the Ball (385713)

11.45 Hunter (328688)

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Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard (8103442) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (45713) **9.00 California Dreams** (6391317) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (6394404) **9.55 Saved by the Bell: The College Years** (6997220) **10.20 Pink Panther** (5184046) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (4433688) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (5755332) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (93210) **12.30pm Lonely Planet** (33881) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (15572) **1.30 Film: Let George Do It** (17828) **3.00 Keepers of the Kingdom** (7065) **4.00 Backdate** (688) **4.30 Absolutely Animals** (572) **5.00 5 Pump: Anifeiliaid Y** (6355) **5.30 Countdown** (152) **6.00 Newyddion** (590355) **6.15 Heno** (787132) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (412423) **7.25 Perthyn?** (687626) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (2539) **8.30 Newyddion** (1046) **9.00 Home to Roost** (5084) **9.30 Dressing for Breakfast** (20317) **10.00 Brookside** (13539) **10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** (564959) **11.05 Takeover TV** (883171) **11.35 The White Room** (251133) **12.35am Film: The Hurricane** (656669) **2.30 Film: Doomwatch** (131602)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (45713)

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2.15 FILM: The Old Maid (1939, b/w). Classic tearjerker starring Bette Davis as a mother who selflessly makes herself into an old maid to give her illegitimate daughter a better chance in life. Directed by Edmund Goulding (Teletext) (846713)

4.00 Backdate (s) (Teletext) (688) **4.30 Countdown** (s) (Teletext) (572) **5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms** (r) (Teletext) (s) (5862)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (s) (Teletext) (212881)

6.55 Terrytoons (970862)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (427171)

7.55 Book Choice (Teletext) (s) (737404)

8.00 Brookside. Jules fears her wedding is off (Teletext) (s) (2539)

8.30 CHOICE **Garden Party** (Teletext) (s) (1046)

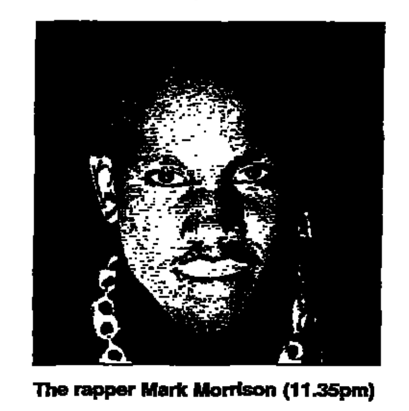
9.00 Cybill. Cybill decides to host a celebrity funeral for her agent (Teletext) (s) (5084)

9.30 Friends. Phoebe is fired from her singing job and is replaced by none other than Chrissie Hynde (Teletext) (s) (20317)

10.00 Frasier. Kate decides that Bulldog is just fine with all the pranks he is playing on Frasier (Teletext) (s) (13539)

10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised comedy (Teletext) (s) (564959)

11.05 Takeover TV. Adam Buxton introduces a Batman spoof (s) (883171)



The rapper Mark Morrison (11.35pm)

11.35 CHOICE **The White Room.** Mark Radcliffe returns. Tonight's guests include British rapper Mark Morrison, Neneh Cherry and Beck (s) (251133)

12.35am FILM: The Hurricane (1937, b/w) starring Dorothy Lamour, Mary Astor, Jon Hall, C. Aubrey Smith, Raymond Massey and John Carradine. Classic Samuel Goldwyn/ John Ford disaster epic with a stunning hurricane climax (65669)

2.30 FILM: Doomwatch (1972). Ecological chiller with Ian Bannen as a scientist who uncovers sinister disfigurements among islands off the coast of Cornwall while investigating reports of major pollution. Also with Judy Geeson and George Sanders. Directed by Peter Sasdy (67114) Ends at **4.00am**

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (65591) 9.00 Press Your Luck (1659046) 9.20 Love Connection (3223268) 9.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9963171) 10.40 Jeopardy! (6001336) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (1034220) 12.00 Sightings (32688) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (60959) 1.00 Hotel (81442) 2.00 Geraldo (29201) 3.00 Court TV (1688) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (5081084) 4.15 Undun (4714794) 5.00 Quantum Leap (5268) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (78978) 7.00 Spellbound (6997) 7.30 M*A*S*H (2423) 8.00 3rd Rock from the Sun (2317) 8.30 Jimmy's (4152) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (61143) 10.00 Quantum Leap (11620) 11.00 Highlander (85355) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (1755534) 12.45am Miracles and Other Wonders (5075805) 1.30 Smouldering Lust (47843) 2.00 Hit Mix (2250398)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (7676959) 9.30 Century (31249) 10.30 ABC Nightline (49978) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning Part I (69733) 2.30 CBS News This Morning Part II (31862) 3.30 Century (1317) (65930) 5.00 Live at Five (89355) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (49881) 7.30 Sportsline (92775) 8.30 The Entertainment Show (2794) 11.30 CBS Evening News (86355) 12.30am ABC World News Tonight (50805) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (72398) 2.30 Sky Worldwide Report (94195) 3.30 Century (99640) 4.30 CBS Evening News (88447) 5.30 ABC World News Tonight (40756)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Bigger Than Life (1956) (23862) 8.00 All These Women (1964) (43881) 10.00 French Silk (1993) (64775) 12.00 The Way West (1967) (33404) 2.00pm Pocahontas: The Legend (1995) (92572) 4.00 Disorderlies (1987) (4012) 6.00 The Tin Soldier (1995) (12336) 8.00 Princess Caraboo (1994) (17881) 10.00 Above the Rim (1994) (219133) 11.40 Back in Action (1994) (283997) 1.05am The Slingshot (1994) (835783) 2.50 The Substitute Wife (1994) (7332466) 4.20-6.00 Pocahontas: The Legend (1995) (8227398)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Clue (1985) (54046) 2.00pm High Society (1956) (75882) 4.00 Broken Lance (1954) (5442) 6.00 Big Jim Mclain (1952) (94978) 8.00 Clue (1985) (99423) 10.00 Predator (1987) (965775) 11.50 To Live and Die in LA (1985) (890317) 1.50am If . . . (1968) (599756) 3.45-5.30 The Killers (1946) (575843)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950) (23133) 7.30 My Neighbour Totoro (1993) (46084) 9.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar (1975) (49215133) 10.35 Swallows and Amazons (1974) (28402665) 12.10pm Francis (1950) (221355) 2.00 Living It Up (1954) (23442) 4.00 My Neighbour Totoro (1993) (1442) 6.00 Children of the Dark (1994) (75065) 7.30 UK Top Ten (5133) 8.00 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (43978) 9.30 The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994) (791591) 11.15 Freaked (1993) (362317) 12.45am Romantic Comedy (1983) (466337) 2.30 There Are No Children Here (1993) (404242) 4.05-6.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar (1975) (742553)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.05am Quack Attack (78688978) 6.30 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64099133) 6.55 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (64018268) 7.20 Ducktales (81584387) 7.45 Ducktales (34125626) 8.10 Quack Attack (91832210) 8.35 Darkwing Duck (47358220) 9.00 Darkwing Duck (95941442) 9.30 Quack Attack (14684688) 10.00 Raw Toonage (84504268) 10.30 Marsupilami (95947626) 11.00 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (82659084) 11.20 Chip 'n' Dale (82635404) 11.45 Sing Me a Story with Belle (52407442) 12.15pm Lamb Chop's Play-Along! (64884249) 12.45 Muppet Babies (50103591) 1.00 FILM: Pathfinder (84585133) 3.00 Ducktales (10588959) 3.25 Quack Attack (10590794) 3.50 Chip 'n' Dale (68021688) 4.15 Darkwing Duck (59761539) 4.35 Darkwing Duck (97126510) 5.00 Gargoyles (66113356) 5.30 Raw Toonage (84610442) 6.00 Marsupilami (56849684) 6.20 Emerald Cove (52026317) 6.30 FILM: Polly (85073171) 8.05 FILM: Mrs Lambert Remembers Love (70448084) 9.35-10.00 Zorro (36483959)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Good Morning Atlanta (12510) 6.30 Good Morning Atlanta (75404) 7.00 Swimming (95930) 8.00 Artistic Gymnastics (32189) 9.00 Judo (98930) 10.00 Live Tennis (32201) 12.00 Live Formula 1 (42688) 1.00pm Olympic Team Sport (48242) 1.30 Swimming (55152) 2.00 Live Rowing (90713) 3.00 Live Swimming (49448572) 4.45 Live Equestrianism (3641959) 6.00 Live Cycling (31572) 7.00 Live Boxing (68171) 8.00 Olympic Extra (3201) 8.30 Athletics (88171) 9.30 Live Weightlifting (8556539) 10.45 Swimming (483510) 11.30 Diving (95268) 12.00 Olympic Special (89669) 12.30am Live Swimming (32263) 1.00 Live Boxing (89843) 3.00 Athletics (65282) 5.00 Good Morning Atlanta (62089) 5.30 Artistic Gymnastics (80398)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Formula Three Racing (12423) 7.30 World Wrestling Federation — Action Zone (86626) 8.30 Racing News (39626) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (20978) 9.30 Skiff Sailing UK Series (67997) 10.00 Futbol Mundial (71688) 10.30 Tight Lines (41152) 11.30 Gillette World Sport Special (20881) 12.00 Formula Three Racing (33442) 12.30pm Boots 'n' All (52268) 1.30 PGA European Golf: Dutch Open (195065) 4.30 Gillette World Sports Special (7510) 5.00 World Wrestling Federation — Raw (1084) 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (636249) 6.05 Formula Three Racing (397220) 6.30 Futbol Mundial (9355) 7.00 Super League (841572) 9.30 International Cricket: England v Pakistan (70133) 11.00 Sky Sports Centre (207997) 11.15 Skiff Sailing: UK Series (556249) 11.45 Gillette World Sport Special (548220) 12.15am Super League (300176) 2.15 Trans World Sport (954466) 3.15 Skiff Sailing: UK Series (990008) 3.45-4.00 Sky Sports Centre (38890440)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm Trans World Sport (3371442) 8.00 PGA European Golf: British Seniors Open (3368978) 10.00 Golf USA: CVS Charity Classic (6056442) 11.30-1.00am PGA European Golf: Dutch Open (4173065)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Ray Bevan 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Today 6.15 This Is Your Day 6.45-7.00 Good Morning Europe

Carl Weathers, Arnold Schwarzenegger (Sky Movies Gold 10pm)

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3812978) 7.55 As the World Turns (4693046) 8.50 Peyton Place (9184930) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9761220) 10.10-11.00 Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (3991602) 11.30 American Vacation (8865336) 12.30pm Cooking in France (6245539) 1.00 Getaway (6878862) 1.30 Great Escapes (8237510) 2.00 Florida (2270317) 2.30 Cruising the Globe (1671959) 3.00 Globetrotter (2282152) 3.30 Around the World (5642930) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (5991882) 5.00 Ancient Mysteries (2273404) 6.00-7.00 Biography: Susan B Anthony (6213930)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from 8am-2am on cable and 1am-4am, plus 7pm-10pm Monday-Wednesday, on satellite

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (3017878) 2.00-4.00 FILM: Beyond Atlantis (3102756)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5460959) 9.30 Gardeners' Diary (8153775) 10.00 Trailblazers (5149065) 10.30 Trailblazers (5482171) 11.00 Trailblazers (1277249) 11.30 Trailblazers (1278978) 12.00 Julia Child (5473423) 12.30pm The Frugal Gourmet (8157591) 1.00 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (1046997) 1.30 Home Again with Bob Vila (8156862) 2.00 Our House (2657571) 2.30 Garden Club (3958423) 3.00 Two's Country (9607256) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (3968268)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (1049084) 7.30 Neighbours (1028591) 8.00 Angels (5472794) 8.30 EastEnders (5471065) 9.00 The Bill (5462317) 9.30 The Sullivans (8155133) 10.00 Poldark (1024775) 11.00 Bullseye (1279607) 11.30 Tellystack (1270336) 12.00 Sale of the Century (5475881) 12.30pm Neighbours (8166249) 1.00 EastEnders (2160356) 1.35 Hi-De-Hi (40364442) 2.15 The Liver Birds (6190572) 2.50 Terry and June (6851958) 3.30 The Bill (3960626) 4.00 One by One (52437201) 5.05 Tellystack (54569510) 5.35 XYZ (9285442) 6.05 Taxi (4615620) 6.25 EastEnders (4892152) 7.00 The Good Old Days (3689930) 8.00 Bullseye (6457733) 8.30 French Fields (1207030) 9.00 Casualty (3617442) 10.00 The Bill (3894220) 10.35 Alexei Sayle's Stuff (1584355) 11.10 Minder (4477539) 12.15am FILM: The Purple Plain (6827282) 2.05-3.00 Shopping

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (21794) 7.00 Tiny and Crew (44220) 8.00 Barney (67423) 8.30 Dinobabies (66794) 9.00 Art Attack (57046) 9.30 Byker Grove (94065) 10.00 Heartbreak High (96510) 11.00 Madison (63510) 11.30 Hang Time (71539) 12.00 Degrassi Junior High (60510) 12.30pm Pugwall's Summer (98881) 1.00 California Dreams (87862) 1.30 No Naked Flames (97152) 2.00 Ready or Not (5065) 2.30 Madison (9930) 3.00 Heartbreak High (75355) 4.00 California Dreams (3510) 4.30-5.00 Byker Grove (9794)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (9341626) 6.15 Mr Men (9339881) 6.30 Babar (86978) 7.00 Littlest Pet Shop (10065) 7.30 Turtles (99572) 8.00 Biker Mice (38997) 8.30 Mighty Max (37268) 9.00 Rugrats (95684) 10.00 Aaahh!! Real Monsters (62930) 10.30 Doug (17404) 11.00 Rocko (27794) 11.30 Pete and Pete (28423) 12.00 Alex Mack (31084) 12.30pm Ren and Stimpy (69355) 1.00 Santo Bugito (19336) 1.30 Capital Critters (68626) 2.00 Ferrals (6539) 2.30 Mighty Max (2688) 3.00 Biker Mice (5046) 3.30 Aaahh!! Real Monsters (7133) 4.00 Tales from the Cryptkeeper (6268) 4.30 Rugrats (5152) 5.00 Sister Sister (9626) 6.00 Alex Mack (3317) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7997)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Legends of History (1251201) 5.00 Time Travellers (4657751) 5.30 Jurassica (3967539) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (8165510) 7.00 Wild Things: Human/Nature (4552107) 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (3944688) 8.00 Natural Born Killers (3695220) 9.00 Justice Files (3615084) 10.00 Mercedes Benz (5474152) 10.30 Vauxhall (5450572) 11.00-12.00 Unexplained (1023046)

BRAVO

12.00 thirtysomething (8163152) 1.00pm thirtysomething (8149572) 2.00 Man from Interpol (4752305) 2.30 Scotland Yard (3950249) 3.00 The Saint (1269220) 4.00 FILM: The Third Man (1407238) 6.00 UFO (8169336) 7.00 Manimal (3813626) 8.00 Weird Worlds! the Time Tunnel (3699046) 9.00 Hammer House of Horror (3602510) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Spanish Fly (1268591)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (1305) 7.30 Entertainment Tonight (6881) 8.00 Wings (6775) 8.30 Laverne and Shirley (8510) 9.00 Soap (39030) 9.30 Taxi (49591) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (32713) 10.30 The Critic (18133) 11.00 Dr Katz (19775) 11.30 Nightstand (22171) 12.30am I Love Lucy (45737) 1.00 Laverne and Shirley (41195) 1.30 Taxi (58973) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (85114) 2.30 The Critic (64621) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (49827)

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Lord's Test finely balanced after England expose opponents' batting frailties

Inzamam holds Pakistan together

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S (first day of five, Pakistan won toss): Pakistan have scored 290 for nine wickets against England

THE infamous fragility of Pakistan's batting once more threatened to be their undoing yesterday. Half an hour into the first Cornhill Test, with thousands of perspiring latecomers still locating their seats and complaining bitterly about the timing of the Tube strike, Inzamam-ul-Haq sauntered to the middle at Lord's with his side 12 for two. Calamity loomed, yet this engaging, imposing character had the unconcerned air of a man taking a stroll in the park.

He strolled to some effect. Inzamam, mortified to average only 13 in his first Test series here in 1992, batted through the next five hours of a blissful day virtually without error or anxiety. He did not wrest control of this game — and nobody can yet state with confidence where that lies — but his formidable presence was unbending against England's attempt to dictate absolute terms in the critical opening episode of a short series.

It was a considerable innings, the highest score of a Test career that had once seemed destined to remain grounded. The Inzamam England knew four years ago — overweight and apparently overrated — has been transformed into a slimmer figure and a streamlined player, one capable of introspection when the situation demands, yet equally adept at the flowing cover drive or the withering pull. Pakistan have long claimed him as a talent to rival the best in the world. Here was the proof.

It was not, however, a day of lost opportunity for England, much less a cause for recrimination. Inzamam made more than half his side's runs and another 74 came from Saeed Anwar. On a slow but true pitch, nobody else scored 20 and an England attack boasting only 24 caps among five bowlers can feel delighted with its productivity, if not entirely with its performance.

Deprived by injury of Chris Lewis, comfortably their most experienced bowler, England approached a daunting task with vitality and perseverance. They deserve great credit. The caveat must be added, however, for the seamers did not always maintain a challenging line and Dominic Cork too often strayed in length on a pitch where only the very quickest could expect to get away with it.

Quite how quickly Cork was bowling cannot be reported, owing to the malfunctioning of the "Sword Sniper", unveiled two days earlier with the boast that it would "revolutionise cricket-watching". It worked adequately for no more than an hour of the day and the technical explanation was that its radar signals were being jumbled by the electronic sightscreen. As both are sponsored by the same razor manufacturers, no sympathy will result.

The empty seats were not confined to the stands, nor the reason to cancelled trains. Some of the commentary boxes were also thinly populated owing to conflicting engagements in the High Court libel action involving Imran Khan, Ian Botham and Allan Lamb. Thankfully, this unedifying sideshow did not divert anyone from the main event and Michael Atherton was on hand to lose the toss, just as he had in the three Tests against India. An hour later, he would not have minded. By then, Simon Brown had marked his Test debut with an achievement that even he, the antithesis of vanity, will treasure. Entrusted with the new ball from the Pavilion End, the left-hander took a wicket before he had conceded a run. It came from his ninth ball, as he did precisely what Atherton had hoped, swinging the ball into the left-handed Aamir Sohail to win a leg-before appeal.

Ijaz Ahmed came and went rapidly, his departure covered in embarrassment. Moving across his crease in Cork's fourth over, his purpose unclear, Ijaz first found the ball straighter than he imagined and then, to his horror, found his bat tangling with his pads. He was bowled, middle stump, behind his legs, a bizarre way for a Test No 3 to lose his wicket.

It was mid-afternoon before England struck again. The third-wicket pair added 130 and, for all the lively field-settings of a conspicuously proactive Atherton, they were seldom troubled. Cork conceded 13 in the final over of the morning, an ominous precursor. Yet Atherton's developing willingness to try anything available came to the rescue.

For the fortieth over, he introduced Graeme Hick, who had not taken a Test wicket since December in Johannesburg. With his fourth ball, he induced a rare blemish from Anwar, who top-edged a cut for Russell to grab the thick deflection at the third attempt. Against Pakistan, for whom nothing is ever quite as serene as it may seem, one breach is often all that is necessary.

Salim Malik's sorry form continues. Reprieved on nought, though the chance to Atherton at short extra cover was devilishly hard, he contrived to run himself out attempting a second run to Salisbury at mid-wicket.

This brought in the teenage newcomer, Shadab Kabir, who demonstrated an organised technique for the next 20 overs. However, the feeling persisted that England were now playing Inzamam on one level and the rest on another.

The final session proved as much. Five wickets fell after tea, starting with leg-before victims for Cork and Ealham and ending with a spell of three for 14 from Mullally, complementing his admirable economy with something more tangible.

It also completed a memorable day for the combination of Brown and Mullally, who are the first pair of left-arm fast bowlers to play together for England since Frank Foster and Harry Dean in the triangular tournament of 1912.

The Pakistan lower order looked as vulnerable as the top end had done at the start of play. Only Inzamam, retiring with modest acknowledgement of a standing ovation, stopped this being a wonderful day for England but today they must confront and conquer the tougher suit of Pakistan cricket, the bowling.

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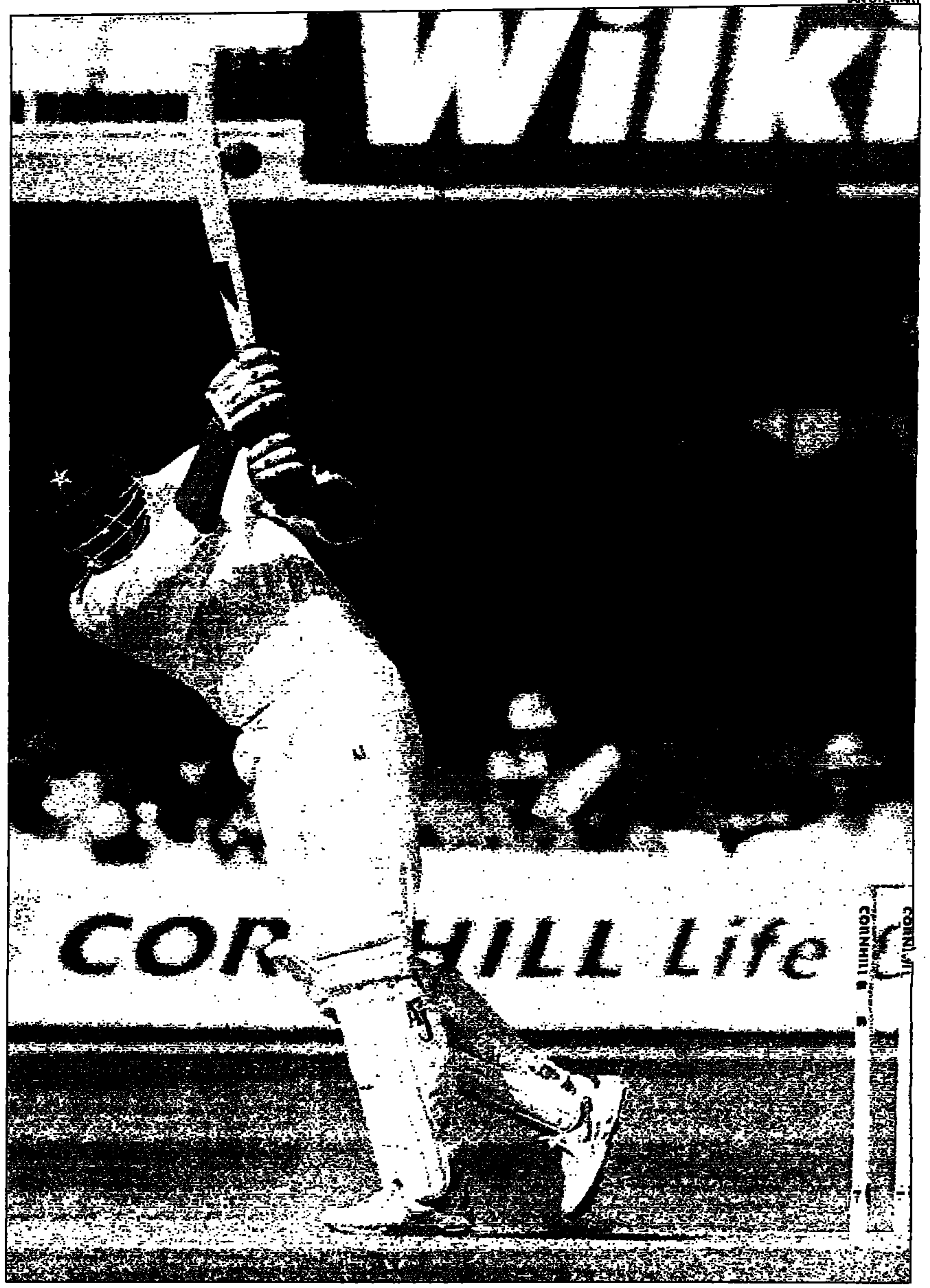
IAN STEWART



Inzamam clubs Hick for six over the leg-side field to bring up his century on the opening day of the first Cornhill Test at Lord's yesterday. The Pakistan batsman went on to make 148. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Brown: wicket on debut before conceding a run

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

Pakistan won toss

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail lbw b Brown (13min, 14 balls)	2
Saeed Anwar c Russell b Hick (162min, 119 balls, 10 fours)	74
Ijaz Ahmed b Cork (11min, 8 balls)	1
Inzamam-ul-Haq b Mullally (299min, 218 balls, 1 six, 19 fours)	148
Salim Malik run out (Salisbury/Russell) (13min, 12 balls, 1 four)	7
Shadab Kabir lbw b Cork (77min, 64 balls, 1 four)	17
*Wasim Akram lbw b Ealham (50min, 34 balls, 1 four)	10
†Rashid Latif not out (63min, 36 balls	7
Mushtaq Ahmed c Russell b Mullally (27min, 29 balls, 2 fours)	11
Waqar Younis c Brown b Mullally (14min, 9 balls, 1 four)	4
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 3)	9
Total (9 wkts, 89.4 overs, 372min)	290

Ala-ur-Rehman to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7 (Saeed 4), 2-12 (Saeed 8), 3-142 (Inzamam 62), 4-153 (Inzamam 64), 5-209 (Inzamam 102), 6-257 (Inzamam 138), 7-267 (Rashid 0), 8-280 (Rashid 1), 9-290 (Rashid 7)

BOWLING: Cork 21-3-75-2 (nb 3; 10 fours; 8-3-25-1, 3-0-26-0, 8-0-21-1, 2-0-3-0): Brown 16-2-69-1 (10 fours; 5-1-23-1, 4-0-16-0, 7-1-30-0); Mullally 19.4-6-40-3 (nb 1, 5 fours, 7-3-12-0, 6-2-14-0, 6 4-1-14-3): Salisbury 10-1-36-0 (4 fours; 4-0-18-0, 5-1-17-0, 1-0-1-0); Ealham 17-3-38-1 (nb 1; 4 fours, 11-3-24-0, 6-0-14-1), Hick 6-0-26-1 (1 six, 2 fours, 3-0-10-1, 3-0-16-0).

SCORING NOTES: First day: Lunch: 112-2 (30 overs, 124min; Aamir 59, Inzamam 48) Tea: 193-4 (59 overs, 243min; Inzamam 86, Shadab 17).

ENGLAND: *M A Atherton, N V Knight, A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, M A Ealham, †R C Russell, D G Cork, I D K Salisbury, A D Mullally, S J E Brown

UMPIRES: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey. Third umpire: J W Holder

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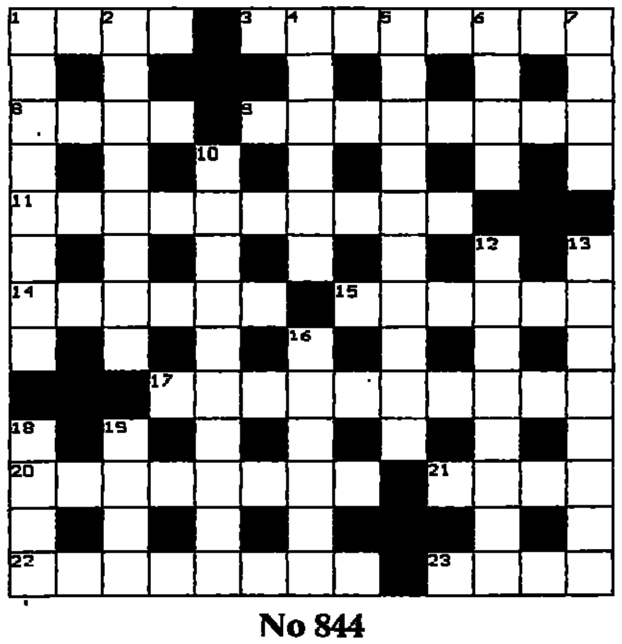

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All oarsmen are equal, some more than others

From Simon Barnes
in Atlanta

LEAN on the rails of the parade ring before the Derby. Cast an eye over the beasts that march before you and pick a winner. And the truth hits you: they *all* look fabulous. And that is because they all *are* fabulous, the 500-1 outsider and the even-money favourite: two wonderful, glossy athletes.

They weigh the same, work the same, eat the same, train the same. And one will crave the lead, burst to assert his dominance through speed and power, while the other will accept his inferior status.

Which horse will give his all, content in the knowledge that he will never lead the herd? Which will always have his nose in front, cannot bear to be passed even at a walk? Just from looking, there is no way to tell. In horse racing, as in all sport, it is the mystery of mysteries.

And that is Steve Redgrave for you. Certainly, he is tall, beautifully built, very strong, a wonderful athlete — but, then, aren't they all? In the Lake Lanier complex, I am surrounded by wonderful athletes, and a brave sight it is, too.

There is more to winning rowing events than strength, of course. First, there is the matter of finesse, not something you normally associate with such big men as Redgrave and his partner, Matthew Pinsent. It is the way in which you *apply* your force that moves a boat.

And there is the matter of racing nous and, with it, racing nerve. Both men said ungrudgingly that they will be nervous on Saturday as the final begins. "When you've been together as a pair for a long time," Redgrave said, "the minor races don't mean so much. And the big races matter even more."

They don't get a great deal bigger than the one on Saturday and Redgrave, asked once again to talk us through it, stared moodily past us, chin on hands. He is a quiet-eyed man at the best of times, but here it seemed that something in him had gone slightly dead. What's up, Steve?

He looked up, mildly startled at this question intruding on his brooding. "Down to serious business now," he said. "My mind is elsewhere. My mind is on the job. On the last two or three training sessions we've got left. On the race. Sorry I'm not with you."

It was a revealing moment, from a man who does not reveal much; nothing to declare but his genius. Most athletes give themselves away in competition; joys and paroxysms of self-doubt are revealed in a thousand expressions and bits of body language. But Redgrave gives away nothing. He faces a race for which he has been the overwhelming favourite for four years.

Most see it almost as a ritual enthronement as Redgrave joins the sporting immortals, four gold medals in four Games and all that. But Redgrave sees opponents to destroy. At the last world championships, he and Pinsent surveyed the pretenders to their dominance. At the start, Redgrave said: "Let's crush some dreams."

One wonders at the strength of desire, the greed for dominance that keeps Redgrave in the dream-crushing buiness. The United States pair had been touted as a serious threat to the big Brits, and they came out storming. Redgrave and Pinsent gave them a lesson in racing, and delivered it with some viciousness.

The American crew gave their all from the start, and that is not a wise thing to do. The relegation of the Americans to the B final gave quiet pleasure to Redgrave. "Our aim is to win gold," he said. "It's hard to do that from the B final."

They qualified with the third fastest time. Does that worry you Steve? All we got from that one was a headshake. His mind was again miles away, filled not with dreams of victory but with the brutal six-and-a-bit minutes of racing that lie ahead.

There are some horses that get so enraged if a horse attempts to pass them that they bare their teeth and bite. If anyone tries to pass Redgrave on Saturday, expect him to lean, snarling, out of his boat and savage them.

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Christie eyes the possibility of defeat

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

THE Linford Christie we know was not the Linford Christie we heard yesterday and certainly not the Christie we are used to seeing. He sounded like a man bracing himself for defeat and the look of fixed determination in his eyes had given way to blue contact lenses coated with his sponsor's logo.

As he prepared to begin the defence of his Olympic 100 metres title today, Christie said something we had not heard from him before: "Winning is not everything." He was, he added, "more laid back, more relaxed" than for previous championships.

Then, realising he was promoting the chances of Frankie Fredericks, who starts as favourite, he added: "If people say I'm more relaxed because I have accepted I am going to lose, to those people I say: 'Hey, you don't know me very well'. 've got as good a chance as anybody."

"Will he be wearing the lenses today?" he was asked. "That remains to be seen," he replied. "The IOC will probably hear about them and ban them."

Jonathan Edwards, Britain's best gold-medal hope, said yesterday that he was not entirely happy with is technique as he prepares for the qualifying round of the triple jump today. It was not, he said, as "solid" as it had been last year, when he broke the world record twice in taking the world title in Gothenburg.

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